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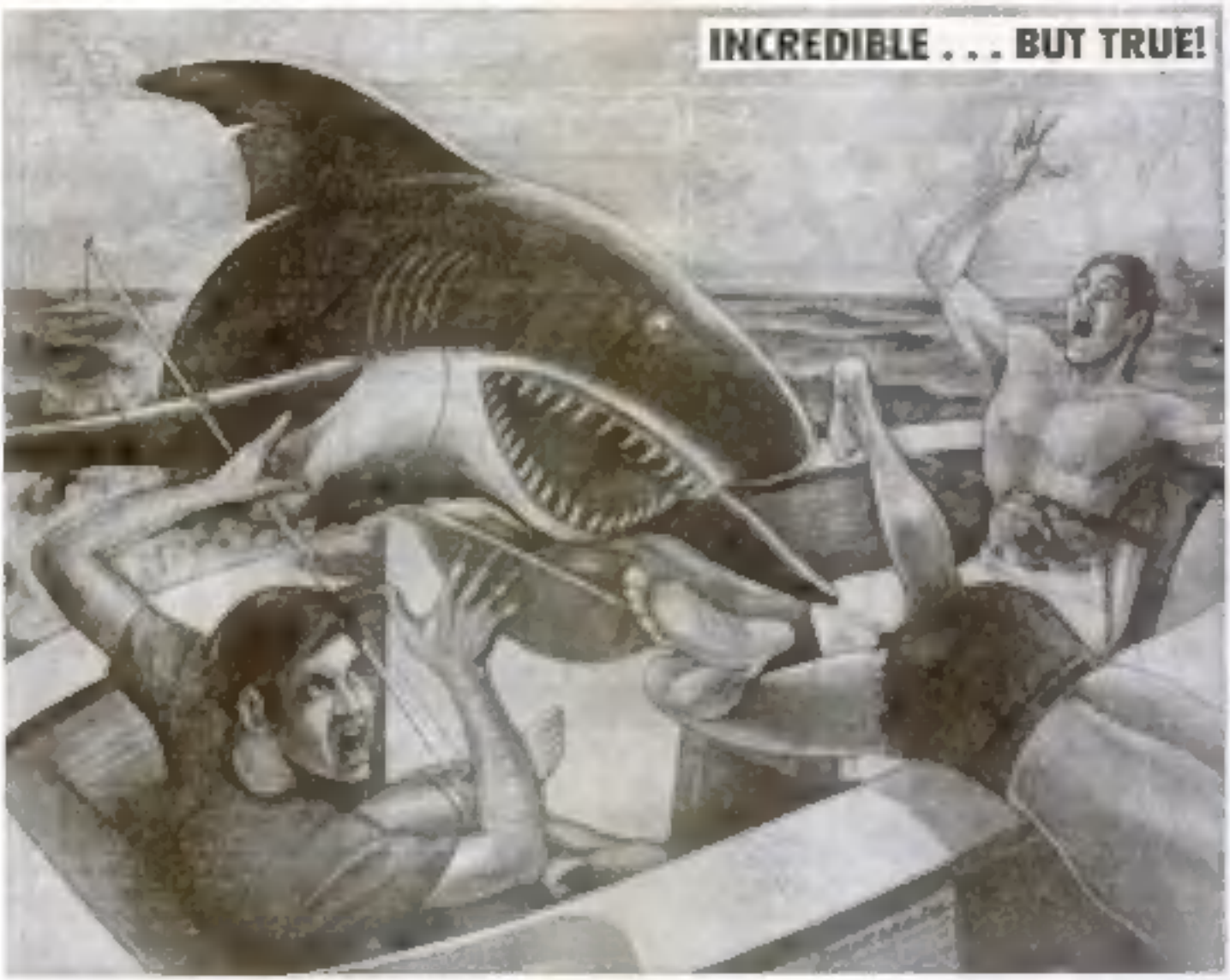


HORROR AT SEA!

'Smart' shark uses its brain to outwit and kill 3 fishermen

By COLIN McMAHON

A boatload of tourists watched in helpless horror as three fishermen were stalked, then savagely killed by a 10-foot shark — that used its brain to outwit its victims!

After hearing the chilling accounts of witnesses to the slaughter, marine biologist Bertram Rusk said the beast cleverly outfoxed its victims and swiftly mustered their every move to attack.

"As unbelievable as it seems," the African biologist said, "there's no doubt whatsoever that the shark staged not one attack on the fishermen and took them on one at a time.

"It darted and feinted like a skilled boxer to take each man into a position where it could deliver its death blow. It actually thought out each deadly move."

The incredible drama unfolded in the shark-infested waters of the Indian Ocean, less than a mile off the coast of Mozambique.

The three spunky young men, whose names were not released, had been fishing from a 20-foot boat when they hooked the shark.

Like a scene out of the film thriller Jaws, the shark sped to the water and charged the boat. Tourists on a nearby tour boat watched in fascination.

A shattering bloodcurdling scream soon followed. "Suddenly, it slammed into the boat two more times, but it didn't hurt the boat.

"Then the shark swam away about 30 feet and just lay in the water. You could plainly tell that it was planning what to do next.

"At one point, the shark changed the boat line as it was going to ram it again and the three men all huddled on the opposite side. But at the last moment, it dived under the boat and shot up on the side where the men were and hit one guy with such force that it capsized the boat.

"The guy was thrown into the air and the shark caught him in its jaws and shook him like a rag doll. Then it dropped him and swam away.

"The other two guys were so terrified they didn't know what to do. That shark moved one way, and the guys moved the other way and BAM! The shark got the second guy.

"Then the shark submerged and we didn't see it for about 15 minutes. The last guy in the boat must have figured it had left. He was busy rowing to the bottom of the boat.

"But he sat up to look around, and that's when the shark got him. It had been right under the boat and when it saw the guy's shadow, it leaped out of the water.

All of the witnesses told virtually the same story, convincing Rusk that the shark had used human-like thought to work out each of its attacks.

"I don't see how a dumb creature of the deep can be capable of intelligence," he said. "I can't answer that. But I'll stake my reputation on one thing — that was one smart shark that outfoxed those poor devils."

Wife's dramatic proof of reincarnation

My dead hubby came back as a parrot

By RAGAN DUNN

A Swiss college professor says her dead husband has been reincarnated as a parrot!

"My colleagues thought I was crazy until they heard the bird — my husband — speak for himself," Dr. Frances Speck, 49, told reporters in Bern.

"Now they are as dumbfounded as I am. They're calling this the best proof of reincarnation yet."

Dr. Speck said she bought the bird from a mail order firm six weeks after husband Emil Speck had a fatal heart attack at their home south of Bern.

She didn't realize it at the time, but the bird's papers showed that it hatched the day after her husband died.

"The bird was quite expensive and the breeders offered a guarantee that he would talk," said Dr. Speck.

"But I knew something was different about him the first time he began to speak. I decided to call him Yves and tried to teach him to say it.

"But he just kept screeching 'Emil, Emil' — even though I never mentioned my dead husband to his presence."

As time passed the bird actually began to act like the dead man, said Dr. Speck. And as its vocabulary improved, she added, it even started to reminisce about their life as a married couple.

"The bird's brain capacity is limited so I have to fill in some blanks," said Dr. Speck. "When he says May 23, for example, I know he's referring to our wedding day.

"Then I'll go get our wedding album and we'll flip through the pages together."

Parapsychologist researcher Tim Kristahl originally doubted that the bird was Dr. Speck's husband.

"I thought she taught the bird to act and talk like Mr. Speck," he told reporters. "But after interviewing the bird myself, I am convinced that it possesses the man's knowledge and memories.

"It sounds preposterous, I know. But this bird might really be Emil Speck himself."

Dr. Speck said: "I am thrilled that Emil has returned to be with me."

For the spill of it

Carrie Walker and William Scott Burroughs, both 4, take a tumble as they zoom down a sidewalk on their trikes in Spartanburg, S.C. Walker kid was hurt in the mishap.

TRAIN HORROR

A woman was sliced in two when her hubby's pickup truck crashed into a train — and she was thrown under the locomotive's wheels.

Lucy Dale died in a Palatka, Fla., hospital about an hour after the terrifying accident.

"Neither of them were wearing seat belts, and she went flying out of the truck and rolled underneath the wheels of the train," said Police Sgt. Larry Dibble.

Her husband, Marion, suffered minor injuries in the

THE MOON as it appears today, right.

MOON IS SPACE CREATURE'S SKULL

The moon isn't a planet at all, according to a top scientist — it's the orbiting remains of a giant space creature that may once have threatened the Earth!

Astrophysicist Peter Morgan of the University of Belgrade in Yugoslavia stunned colleagues last month with his announcement, which was based on calculations involving the density of the moon's crust, he said.

"This will be met with disbelief," Morgan said in a presentation before the Yugoslavian Society of Astronomers. "But I would be irresponsible if I did not report the results of this study.

"I have calculated the density of the moon's surface and have made an astonishing discovery. The moon is not made of dust and stone as we have thought. Beneath a surface littered with rubble and meteor debris the moon is a substance much like bone — and it has cavities which could only be openings for eyes, mouth, ears and brain."

Dr. Morgan's mind-boggling discovery was sensation among astrophysicists, most of whom treated his announcement with skepticism. But copies of his speech and data have been snapped up by fellow scientists.

Morgan theorizes that the moon is, in fact, a giant skull — reflected in the "man in the moon" countenance so familiar to earthlings.

"I believe it is the remnant of a gigantic form of space life, a type of space creature that may have thrived many millennia ago," he said.

"And this theory has been borne out in part by subsequent research I have undertaken in which computer-enhanced density studies of asteroids and the moons of Jupiter show them to be largely comprised of calcium, or bone matter, as well.

"I think it is reasonable that most of the asteroids and meteor material traveling through space are the remains of these giant beings. They were of a huge size, but they died in the weightless environment of space where size was immaterial."

Morgan believes the creatures were space travelers, not native to any planet. He thinks they fell on unfriendly times or perhaps the atmosphere of planets which contained elements they couldn't survive.

"The one resting off our planet may have come near Earth and gotten its food there. Or it may be the remains of an extinct beast that drifted into Earth's gravitational pull. However it got there, there is little doubt the moon is a giant skull, the gruesome head of a life form we never knew existed until now."

— SUSAN JOHNSON

Lunar crust is made of bone, claims scientist

EYE SOCKET! Scientist Peter Morgan says this lunar crater is the opening for the space beast's eye!

U.S. GEOLOGISTS examine moon rock samples.

ARTIST'S CONCEPTION of how the space monster appeared eons ago

Teen mugged women for their shoes

A 16-year-old lough was charged with mugging 15 hapless women — and making off with their shoes.

"He apparently found shoes very satisfying," said a police spokesman in Leiden, Holland.

Horrified pet lover tells bungling taxidermist:

IF THAT'S MY CAT YOU CAN STUFF IT!

Pet lover Elsie Athalde took her dead cat to a taxidermist but he bungled the job, she said — and turned her beloved Mimi into a cross-eyed monster.

Mrs. Athalde of Thurston Heath, England, sent her Persian to taxidermist Gary Harvey to be stuffed and mounted, she told a judge in Croydon County Court.

But she got the shock of her life when she opened the parcel post package containing the stuffed pet.

"It was terrible," she told the court. "It didn't look like Mimi at all. She had been a wonderful animal and I decided I wanted to keep her with me."

An expert's report on Mimi said: "The workmanship on this cat was of a very low standard and the finished mount showed very little anatomical resemblance to any cat I have seen. The eyes faced opposite directions and there were lumps were almost every part of it."

The taxidermist who stuffed Mimi did not appear in court but agreed to pay the court award of $700 to Mrs. Athalde.

"The cat had been dead three days when I got it," he said later. "It should have been frozen immediately.

"There wasn't much I could do with it," he said.

MIMI, inset, as she looked in real life. Above is the white Persian after her catastrophic date with the taxidermist.

MIMI and her owner Elsie Athalde enjoyed a cozy life before the cat's untimely demise.

Con was just a cutup

It was kind of like closing the barn door after the cow got out when a jail inmate was rushed to surgery — after he cut off his penis.

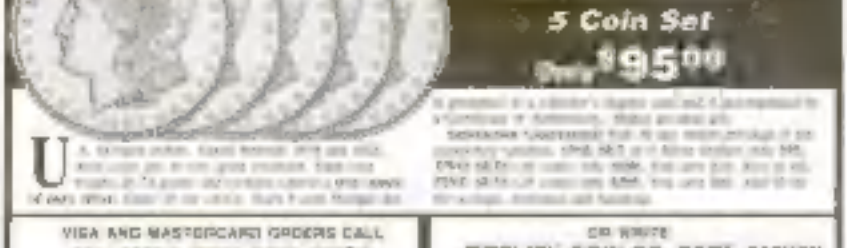
Jail officials don't know why Bernardo Silvera, 21, severed himself at his cell with the jagged end of a broken fluorescent light.

Officers heard the light bulb break and tried to get in, but Silvera locked the door from the inside.

They finally broke down the door and found Silvera lying in a pool of blood. The severed penis was lying 30 feet away," said Steve Shea, another inmate in the Baltimore, Md., jail.

Silvera, charged with possession of an illegal drug, pummeled a paramedic who tried to help him and continued fighting after he was hospitalized.

He was reported in stable condition at Johns Hopkins Hospital after surgery. Cops don't know what made him



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Amazing coincidence!

Twins, 74, die 3 hours apart!

Identical 74-year-old twins Rachel Garber and Ruth Stanton were born just two hours apart, and incredibly, died just three hours apart!

In an amazing twist of fate, the sisters' 94-year-old mom, who lived with one of the gals in a nursing home, outlived them both and attended their funerals!

By LAURA MYERS

The deaths are mysterious because youngest twin Rachel had absolutely no way of knowing Ruth had just died, relatives said.

"I don't know why it happened," said Norman Denlinger, Rachel's son.

"But when one was sick, the other knew it. They just knew," Denlinger told The NEWS.

Richard Stanton, Ruth's son, said his mom and aunt always thought alike.

"We think God gave them to us at the same time and took them away at the same time," Stanton said.

Ruth was hospitalized in Dayton, Ohio, for three weeks, suffering from an burn appendix, stroke and sudden heart failure.

Shortly after the poor old woman died, Rachel also succumbed to heart failure in a nearby nursing home.

"There is absolutely no way Aunt Rachel could have known that Mom died," Stanton said.

"We hadn't called her family yet."

Ironically, Rachel's lucky number was 13, and she was buried Friday, May 13! The twins were born on a Friday the 13th in 1913, Denlinger said.

And the girls' mother, Rebecca Clawson, has 13 letters in her name, Denlinger pointed out.

"When they were younger, their teachers would get them mixed-up.

"They even accused them of playing tricks, but they didn't. It was frustrating for them," he said.

Even more shocking is the fact that first-born Ruth also died first!

Courtroom cutup!

Courtroom spectators watched in horror as a robbery suspect pulled a razor blade from his mouth during his trial — and tried to slit his wrists and throat.

Court officers in New York City rushed to stop James Rowe, 31, from killing himself. He was treated for deep cuts on his wrists and a minor cut on his throat.

Officers said Rowe, who has been observed on psychiatric problems, had a second razor hidden in his mouth in case the first one didn't do the trick.

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GET OUT OF DEBT!

Townspeople shocked at judge's decision that would free suspect

By PETE COOKE

A teen accused of hacking his family to death with an axe after an argument over punk rock music could be free in less than three years because of a judge's outrageous ruling!

OUTRAGEOUS!

CHARGED with murdering his family: David Brom, circled

Teen hacked his family to death with an axe, say cops

Authorities in Rochester, Minn., said that following a fight with his dad over a new punk rock tape he'd bought, David Brom shaved off the hair on both sides of his head and combed the top into a spike.

Then the 16-year-old got an axe and killed his mother, father, 14-year-old sister and 11-year-old brother, police said.

Brom was arrested at the post office the next day and charged with four counts of murder.

But when prosecutor Roy Schmitz attempted to have the teen tried as an adult, Judge Gerard Bing ruled that Brom's case would, instead, be handled in juvenile court. Under the judge's ruling, the worst that could happen to Brom is that he may be declared delinquent and locked up until his 19th birthday.

Residents of the peaceful southern Minnesota city were shocked by Bing's decision, which touched off a wave of protest. Bing was besieged by angry phone calls at his home and office and police beefed up patrols around the judge's home after he received several threats.

Schmitz, the prosecutor, said that no action be taken in the case until he has had a chance to appeal.

The bodies of the Brom family were discovered after school officials called police to report that David Brom had threatened to harm his family. Police found all four victims upstairs. Bernard Brom, 41, was found on the floor beside his bed. The body of his wife, Paulette, 40, and their daughter Diane, 14, were lying in the hall, and 11-year-old Becky's corpse was found in bed.

Authorities said David Brom cut classes the next morning and, sporting a new punk hairdo, went to the post office to mail the letters that would lead to his arrest.

He was arraigned there later in the day where authorities reconfined him and ordered police.

If he were tried and convicted of first-degree murder as an adult, Brom would face a minimum sentence of life in prison.

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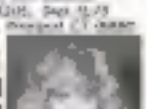

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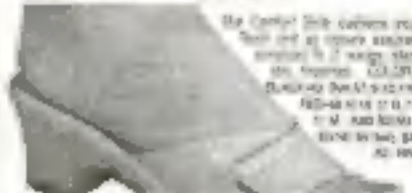

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Rare disease turns tenderest touch into bruise for . . .

THE BABY WHO CAN'T BE KISSED

LOOK OF HOPE: Baby Jo's skin is so sensitive that the slightest touch can raise these blisters!

By LAURA MYERS

Bright-eyed Jo Brown suffers from a rare disease so heartbreaking even the most tender kiss causes her skin to break out in agonizing blisters.

Strawberry blonde Jo suffers from a painful, incurable disease called epidermolysis bullosa — an illness so dreadful she was born without fingernails or toenails!

The awful ailment causes 7-month-old Jo's transparent skin to erupt in sores caused by the slightest touch or kiss!

"She's got to be handled with kid gloves," said devoted mum Cheryl, who tries to cuddle her daughter as often as possible.

Cheryl, 28, and her husband Barry, 29, spend all their waking hours caring for their first-born.

Each day, her loving parents bathe Jo for 20 minutes in a special oil, then carefully bandage her body in thick cotton padding.

"We've got to make sure she's very clean so she doesn't get infected," Cheryl said. "Once she has the blisters, we have to pierce them with a sterile hypodermic needle. The skin then dries and forms flakes, which dewls heal."

Jo's delicate cheeks and ears are painfully blistered when her arms — although wrapped in bandages — rubbed against her face.

Although Jo gets plenty of love and affection from her parents, the Eaton, England, couple often get horrified looks from gawkers who rudely stare at their infant.

"One of the hardest things to bear is the reaction from other parents who see Jo's blistered face and think we have been hitting her," Cheryl said. "You can see the eyeballs turning.

"At first, we were frightened to touch her at all because we were afraid of the effect on her," the mum added. "But we realized she needs love and affection — like any other child, even more."

Dr. Peter Morrell, Jo's pediatrician, said her illness is so severe that she probably won't live beyond her second birthday.

"It's heartbreaking really, and very painful," the doc said. "But the most rewarding thing is that her parents are

LOVING mother Cheryl spends all her waking hours caring for her pain-wracked baby.

STRICKEN child was born without fingernails and toenails — inviting dangerous infections.

Child's bravery startles doctor

Ticker trouble? Blame it on your mother!

Scientists for the Medical Research Council have found an unlikely key to heart disease — it's mother's fault!

The risk of heart attack, researchers now believe, lies not only in what we eat, but the quality of the nutrition we received from our mothers during pregnancy and early childhood.

And our mother's own diet and general state of health during her own childhood and childbearing years may also play a vital role in our vulnerability to heart disease.

Man pays $750G for ancient tree

Tokyo hotel owner Kazuma Akao shelled out a whopping $750,000 for a 600-year-old miniature tree.

The dwarfed, bonsai pine stands 14 feet high, quite tall for a miniature tree. It is 40 feet wide and 600 years old.

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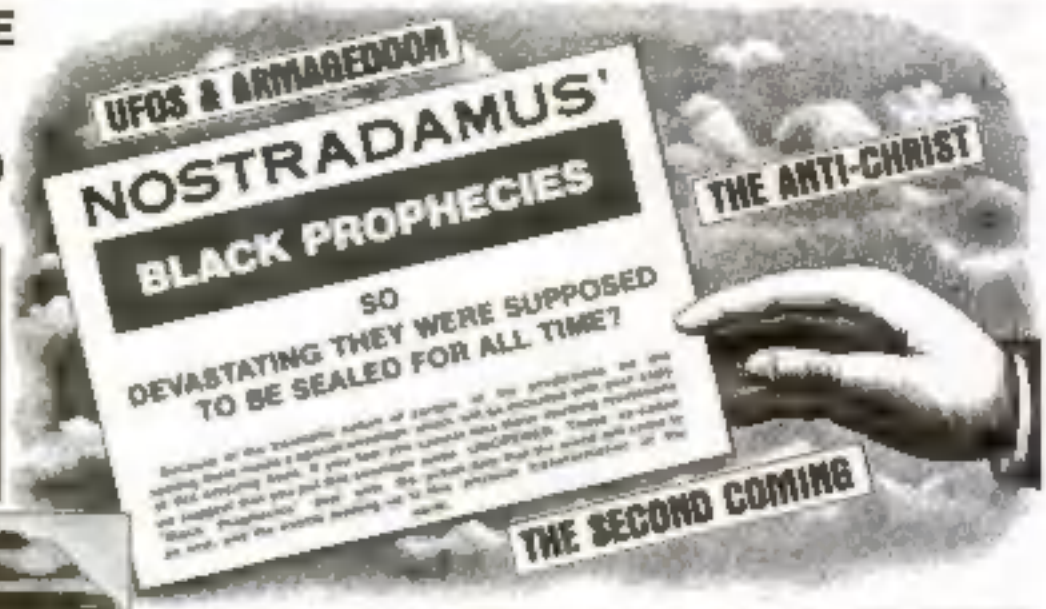

WAS HE A WIZARD? A SERVANT OF GOD? A SUPER PSYCHIC? A DEVIL WORSHIPPER? OR A BEING FROM ANOTHER PLANET

HIS PREDICTIONS WERE 100% ACCURATE

Nostradamus is credited with being the greatest prophet of modern, and, indeed, time. His uncanny insight, forecasts are considered to be highly accurate. Nostradamus, in the 16th century, predicted both World Wars, serial battles, subsequent attacks, Hitler's appearance, and rough, as well as the assassination of both Kennedys!

The seer warned the world of the coming of the atomic bomb. He spoke of space travel, and named the man who fell on Russia. In one of his most amazing predictions he revealed how man would be lifted bodily by a whirlwind beside writing the following in ancient quatrains: "Revolution [date], war will fall upon Persia [continent]. Religious hypocrisy will betray the Arabians (the Arab). Of which the 3rd will begin in Cyzi (France)." Everybody knows that the Apocalypse Nostradamus spoken has everybody since settled in France.

For the future, Nostradamus predicts that there will be war in the Middle East in the very few years, during which the big powers will intervene. He even talks of the coming of the Anti-Christ and how the U.S. will change into communist hands. A very long brief period, he says, spanning at a "religious war" and the Vatican falling to move the tomb of St. Peter to a safe place.

But, perhaps most astonishing of all, is the fact that Nostradamus saw the exact date in time to help with the funeral arrangements!

THE MOST MYSTERIOUS MAN WHO EVER LIVED

Legend has it that celestial activity was extremely powerful for several nights before the birth of Nostradamus. Reports of bright, round objects in the sky over St. Remy de Provence are recorded in the archives.

Nostradamus' birth itself was rather remarkable because Marcilla Nostradame (the family's real name), presented her husband with a perfect baby. In the 16th Century, perfect babies were almost unheard of. The mortality rate was very high.

He had an incredible intellect. He was very young when he mastered several languages and absorbed much his lessons a German physician at it. He walked among plague victims for months without catching the dread disease. With a strange mixture of herbs and ingredients unknown in the world, he was able to cure many of the afflicted. Thus becoming known throughout Europe as a miracle healer.

In his day, Nostradamus made friends with kings and queens who were impressed by his ability to see into the future. Royalty came to and side to be in his presence, as women were they to know what the stars had to store for them. Many were disappointed as Nostradamus knew well in advance about beheadings, revolutions, and the untimely deaths that attended many royals's most prominent figures.

THE SECOND COMING & THE ANTICHRIST

Though Nostradamus considered himself an expert astrologer, he studied the stars of a totally unique way. He used a special device when gazing. The device was basically a simple metal which he used in conjunction with a mixture of flame and burst of water. Nostradamus also surrounded himself a very religious person, and while he was both a Jew, he knew conversion to the Catholic faith, utilizing mystical elements from both practices in his work. Many of his predictions dealt with the Second Coming and the Antichrist.

There are some who maintain that Nostradamus was a direct messenger of God, and that the predictions were divinely inspired. To give credence to this claim, the French seer was once manipulated by a young Polish boy who, a year ahead of time, and again meeting the youth dressed as the bravo Jesus who he had done so. Nostradamus declared, "Because, I must bow and kneel before his Highness." Years later, the youth became the Pope, under the title of Sixtus the Fifth.

Others believe that Nostradamus was a fake brought from the future or perhaps a being from another planet. All these theories are explored in detail.

NOSTRADAMUS' UNPUBLISHED QUATRAINS

A curious manuscript has been among the records of Europe where books on Nostradamus have been frequent best sellers in recent months. Up till now none of the material has been published in the U.S.

Shortly before his death, Nostradamus apparently penned a series of prophecies so startling that he would not have included in any of his published works. Supposedly because he was afraid of the effect they might have. These predictions were circulated only in royalty and were thought destroyed for many years until they were uncovered. Hidden in the basement of the house where Nostradamus died.

The file page of the newly discovered manuscript reads: "Century XII, Number 62." The next but apparently omitted, published, was "Century XII, Number 63." The conclusion to the Nostradamus work deals with prophecies, but not yet solved. Some predictions are of

determined. There are a total of 61 or more pages to the original manuscript that have only been translated and published.

There are just a few of the predictions outlined dealt with in this new material:

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WOMAN, 72, IS PREGNANT

AMAZING mother-to-be Cai Aixiu.

. . . for the THIRD time in two years!

By SUSAN JAMISON

Chinese doctors are anxiously awaiting the birth of Cai Aixiu's baby, but they're not sure she will be able to complete her pregnancy — because she's 72 years old!

The Hunan province peasant is determined to have a baby, even though she has suffered one miscarriage and an emergency abortion in the past two years, according to the government newspaper Wen Wei Po.

News reports say the elderly mother of eight had no idea she could still conceive until she discovered she was expecting her ninth baby back in 1988. She made plans to have her child, but late last year Mrs. Cai suffered a fall while carrying a bucket of water and lost her baby through a miscarriage.

"Mrs. Cai and her husband were terribly upset over the loss of the baby," the paper reported. "Doctors were relieved, however, because they worried about the long-term health impact of bearing a child at such an advanced age.

"Although she was warned not to get pregnant again, Mrs. Cai ignored her doctors' advice and six months later was expecting another child."

Worried relatives and doctors reminded the Cais that the pregnancy was dangerous. After much soul-searching the aged mom-to-be agreed to an emergency medical abortion in the second month of pregnancy.

But the decision caused the elderly couple great distress, according to press accounts — so they decided to go ahead and have a fourth child. Now Mrs. Cai is pregnant again and is expected to deliver her baby in August.

"We believe that God wants us to have our baby," Cai, 74, told Aixiu told the newspaper. "We think we are destined to have him for some reason, even though we are very old.

"We understand now that having an abortion was wrong. We will have our child and raise our child. God won't let us — or him — come to any harm."

Stunned docs fear she will not carry the baby to term

Mrs. Cai's physicians have arranged for their patient to spend the last three months of her pregnancy in a hospital so that her condition can be closely monitored. Meanwhile, the ancient mom-to-be is the center of a controversy surrounding the pregnancy.

"Here we are carefully limiting population growth and this old lady is endangering her life to add still another baby to our already overcrowded nation," fumed a health official, Wang Bei Chang.

"Aren't eight children enough for these greedy peasants! It's a disgrace!"

Whale of a sight

Marine biologists examine the carcass of a mammoth gray whale that washed up onto a beach

Tot unhurt after 3-story plunge

Little Mathew Brown, 2, tumbled off a third-floor balcony, plunged 30 feet to the ground and was miraculously unharmed.

The tot's 21-year-old mom Julie was unaware of her son's horrible fall from their Des Moines, Iowa, apartment until the doorbell rang and a man told her Mathew was lying in the grass.

"I don't know how he landed, but I guess he got up and was walking around the parking lot," his happy mom said.

Mathew slipped out onto the balcony, fell off and smacked onto the grass below.

"I don't know how he landed, but I guess he got up and was walking around the parking lot," his happy mom said.

WORLD'S HOTTEST GOSSIP

JACKIE O SHOCKER!

She's the world's most glamorous gal, but . . .

SHE'S A DUD ON A DATE!

INTERESTING? Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis may be the world's most fascinating woman — but her old college pooch pal says she is just a bore

SOME FAIR — Dapper Sen. John F. Kennedy and his beautiful bride Jackie ended up in the White House

The world's most glamorous gal, Jackie O, managed to wed two of the most powerful men on earth, but an old college friend claims that Jackie wasn't dazzling but was really a dud as a date.

Incredibly, writer Steven Birmingham, author of *America's Secret Aristocracy*, dated elegant Jackie when she was just a slender Vassar coed and he remembers her as more of a bore than a fascinating lady.

Famous author tells of his college days with wife of JFK Onassis

"Sitting next to her is not as great . . ." recalls Steve. "She never says very much."

The one thing that did excite Jackie way back in her college years was fame and power.

Steve says she was always on the lookout for the "big guy."

That habit sure came in handy when Jackie picked our America's number one political idol — first hubby JFK. And she still has that knack when she plucked super rich Greek tycoon Aristotle Onassis to be her number two hubby.

"I took her to a couple of fraternity parties at college and she would turn to me and whisper, 'Is that the captain of the class?' " recalls Steve who was a student at Williams College at the time. — *New York Post*

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Officer and a Gentleman superstar Richard Gere says he could care less if his biggie have been bombs at the box office.

"I am more interested in becoming a human being than a star actor," says the 30-year-old heartthrob.

"Perhaps this is a natural process of

Michael Jackson

Cola wars catch pop stars between rock & hard place

The long-running battle of the bubbly between Coca-Cola and Pepsi may have ignited a fizzling feud between real pop stars.

Reports from Rome, Italy, claim that superstar Michael Jackson, who sells Pepsi on the tube, was supposed to join superstar singer George Michael for a live duet.

But Mike suddenly axed the idea shortly after George announced he'd signed a whopping $15 million deal to do Coke on TV. Pals claim Mike didn't show because a sudden bout with laryngitis sprinkled three million dollar germs.

But one source says "he decided that appearing with George could be viewed as promoting Coca-Cola."

And Mike sure wouldn't want to blow the $15 million deal he's got with Pepsi. — *London Sun.*

George Michael

In his campaign to free Tibet from the oppression of the Red Chinese.

Looks like Richard's a hunk with a mission. — *London Daily Express*

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An Italian sunglasses company got into hot water for using a picture of actor Mickey Rourke wearing his glasses in its ads.

Angry Mick gave the firm a black eye by slugging it with a $3 million lawsuit. Mick claims the company didn't ask his permission.

And they probably didn't pay Mick to use it, either. — *Los Angeles Times*

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Tan-man George Hamilton will do anything to catch the sun's rays — even at the risk of his life.

"It's like plugging my battery in," says hunky George of his favorite pre-occupation that keeps him dark and handsome.

George recalls one trip to England where he caused a sensation by trying to tan. He was in his hotel room and noticed that there was a shiny spot on the ledge outside his window.

Daring George climbed out and plopped himself down to bask in the warmth.

Meanwhile, a crowd down in the street fretted thinking that the figure above was getting set to jump.

"All I wanted was a little sun," sighed George. — *Dallas Times Herald*

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Cincinnati Bengal superstar Paul

SUPERSTAR Richard Gere would

Handsome George Hamilton risks his life for a tan

gather. "Last week, a few of us got on our Harley-Davidsons with our body-guards and went up to Santa Barbara," says Sylvester.

"There must have been 5,000 people there. We stopped off, talked to them.

How many other regular guys have bodyguards." — *US* magazine

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Radio preacher Bob Larson got after top celebs Shirley MacLaine, Linda Evans and Sharon Gless for following the teachings of a woman who claims that a 30,000-year-old spirit talks through her.

"Shirley MacLaine is an innocent puppet of Satan," fired Rev. Bob. "When someone as beautiful as Linda, Shirley or Sharon comes into your living room, overnight people believe every word they say."

Rev. Bob blasted the actresses saying they've got no business speaking publicly on spiritual matters.

"It's a form of commercial prostitution," he said.

Sounds like Rev. Bob's jealous. Guess Shirley's prettier than him. — *Boston Herald*

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A lot of viewers were shocked to see Oscar-winning movie star Rod Steiger as the bad guy on the TV western *Desperado: Outlaw Wing at Devil's Ridge*. But burly Rod says the role was a comeback for him. He said he was locked in a deep depression for the past four years during which he was convinced he couldn't act.

Moore is better

Sultry singer Dorothy Moore specializes in athletic roles calling for her skills in gymnastics, snow skiing and roller-skating. Dorothy's appeared on TV's "Simon & Simon" and in the flicks "Back to the Beach" and "Reform School Girls."

be signed. "Maybe it's a matter of the chemical chemistry of your life."

Rod won his Oscar as best actor for the famed 1967 flick *In the Heat of the* ring Carroll O'Connor playing the southern sheriff role. Rod made fa-

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THE GRADUATE!

From food stamps to Phi Beta Kappa for feisty welfare mom

By SUSAN JIMISON

There'll be no more handouts for welfare mum Elyse Sanches — because she's got a college degree and a job now, thanks to her four devoted school-aged kids.

The children took care of cooking, cleaning and maintaining morale while Elyse, 36, crammed for courses.

Last month they got their reward when they watched their mother walk away with top honors at her college graduation.

"The kids did 90 percent of the work for me so I could concentrate on my studies," said Elyse, who lives with her children in a drug-plagued ghetto in the Bronx. "They did the cooking, the laundry. I haven't even seen the kitchen in two years.

"They knew I had to work and they had enormous respect for that. They saw the change getting a college education made in me."

The children — Norbelis, 17, Damian, 11, Rose, 10 and Kimberley, 9 — have been raised by Elyse alone since her husband walked out on her five years ago. With no job and no family to help out, many women like Elyse give up completely.

Elyse admits she was down. But never down and out — and she made up her mind that a college degree was what she needed to change her life.

She applied to a special Adult Degree Program at Lehman and was accepted immediately. Living on welfare and food stamps she hit the books with dedication, attending classes nights, days and weekends.

"What got me to go to school was knowing I was the sole support of my children," she said. "There no knowing would be a relatively small investment in terms of getting a good job."

And it was the kids who helped her out when she was tired, Elyse told The NEWS.

"Sometimes I didn't want to go on," she said. "I'd say, 'I can't do it.'

"But they'd tell me, 'Yes, you can, Mom.' They made an enormous difference."

When Elyse graduated in June, her four loyal fans were right there applauding. And they'll be with Elyse when she moves to Iowa to take up a teaching job at the University of Iowa.

The family will leave behind their slum home with few regrets. Last year, the ceiling collapsed and recently the bathroom became unusable. The kids couldn't play outside because there was so much drug action on their neighborhood. Rats skittered along the hallways of their apartment house.

"I'm glad to get the kids out of the Bronx and Iowa is a darn good school," Elyse said. "I'm looking forward to a sense of peace — and I'm looking forward to being off welfare."

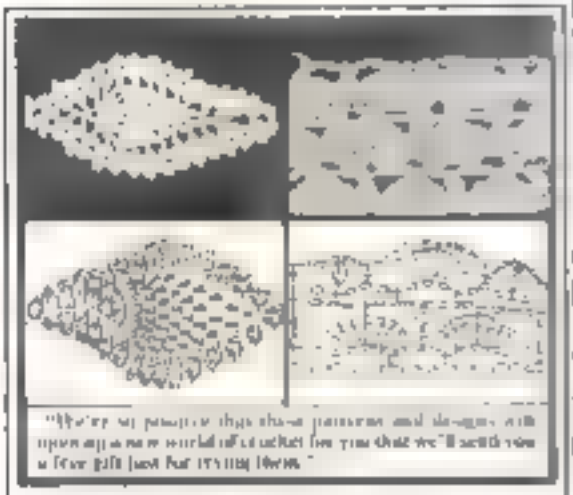
RADIANT graduate Elyse Sanches won her degree through hard work and determination — and the help of her four devoted kids.

PROUD mom Elyse says her four children did all the cooking and cleaning while she hit the books in her effort to get out of the ghetto.

Naked bandit was 'tan all over,' says witness

A naked bandit is said to be responsible for a petty crime spree, including the theft of three lottery tickets and a woman's purse.

A witness described the man as being "tan all over" while in Bedford Stu-



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(By Brenda Keith)

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Freak accident rips off woman's arm — miles from civilization

Horror in the middle of nowhere

MONTHS after her nightmare in the Australian outback, Tina Sadler is learning to use her new artificial arm and hand.

A band of savages found her and saved her life

By DICK DONOVAN

Deep in the Australian outback, miles from civilization, tourist Tina Sadler lay in the twisted wreckage of her car — staring in horror at the gory stump that seconds before had been her left arm!

With the suddenness of a bolt of lightning, the car Tina was riding in crossed off the dirt road-way and slammed head-on into a stand of trees.

A splintered tree limb shot with the force of a battering ram through the windshield where Tina was sitting and almost piercing her chest by inches.

Instead, it ripped off her forearm just below the elbow!

Three other people in the car — whom Tina identified only as friends Margot and Pauline and Pauline's 4-year-old daughter Dana — miraculously escaped serious injury.

Now, several months later, Tina is learning to use her artificial forearm and hand. She has pretty much overcome the emotional trauma of her loss and finds it easier to talk about her nightmarish brush with death.

That nightmare unfolded on a desolate stretch of rutted road as the four drove from Darwin for a weekend outing at the Kakadu game preserve deep in the wild outback. The car skidded on a curve, plunged down an embankment and plowed into the trees.

"Then smash! An explosion, searing pain shot through my left arm.

"Through the dust, I looked down at my arm and a horrifying sight assaulted my eyes. A tree limb had come through the car, taking half my arm with it.

"I'll never forget the sight of the bare bone rimmed with white, frilly flesh. I leaped from the car and struggled wildly up the hill.

"I laid down at the edge of the road and held up my shattered arm which was gushing blood. I screamed, 'Get me to a hospital! Get me to a doctor!'

"But it was useless. We were more than 100 miles from Darwin on a road that was rarely traveled.

The terrible bleeding was slowed but not stopped. Tina grew steadily weaker. Then, two agonizing hours after the crash, a party of half-naked aborigines happened by.

Their arrival was a chance-in-a-million occurrence that undoubtedly saved Tina's life.

"One of the aborigines took off the cloth that covered my stump and gently lifted my arm," Tina recalled. "Then he took off his bandana and tied it firmly around the end.

"I was later told that he saved my life with that tourniquet. I have a great deal to thank him for."

The aborigines carried Tina to an outpost where she was given emergency treatment. Lat-

Boy's balloon floats 5,000 miles

A fourth-grader in Kansas scratched greetings around the world when he released a toy balloon that sailed over the Atlantic Ocean and landed in West Germany, more than 5,000 miles away.

Brian Lipps of Wichita thought the helium-filled balloon he released to take part in a Weekly Reader contest probably got stuck in the trees.

balloon was found 40 days later by a man walking his dog in the woods near Kristdorf, West Germany.

A spokesman for Weekly Reader said the contest is aimed at helping kids find pen pals. Of the estimated one million balloons released in this year's contest, Brian's is believed to have traveled the farthest.

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COW KNOCKS HELICOPTER OUT OF THE SKY

PILOT Jerry J. Lee said the $80,000 helicopter looked "like it had been hit by a train."

A bad-tempered cow charged a helicopter being used to round up a herd, sending the chopper crashing to the ground — then trotted away into the sunset.

Pilot Jerry J. Lee, 47, suffered minor injuries but the $80,000 helicopter was destroyed — "like it had been hit by a train," he said.

The lucky crash survived

as Deputy Lee and other sheriff's deputies in Midland, Tex., were rounding up 600 head of starving cattle under a court order.

"I was hovering about four feet off the ground trying to get this one cow with the rest of the herd when she suddenly turned and charged the copter.

"She butted one of the skids, then hooked it with one of her horns. The plane tilted and one of the rotors hit the ground.

"The rotor ripped away and we crashed," said Lee. "She got my name in the dirt. It beats anything I've ever seen."

Asked what happened to the cow Lee replied: "Not a damned thing. She just stood on the ground and watched what happened.

"I guess she felt she'd made her point."

Lee said he got the cow "outta my hair," but looked sorry for a second. "That's when she hooked me," he said.

The rancher-owner now totally trusts Sheriff Gary Painter's future plans for the copter which had only been in use a few months.

"I guess it's all over but the crying now," said Lee, who added he would "just as soon everybody forget it happened."

A judge ordered the sheriff's office to round up the starving herd because the owner couldn't afford to move them to new grazing land.

All but 80 of the herd were sold at auction, but Lee still talks about the one that got away.

"I've been rocking cattle with a copter for 10 to 12 years," he said. "And I've probably had 100 of 'em try to butt my skids. But that's the first one that's ever done it. I still can't believe I was brought down by a cow," he said. "It's supposed to be the other way around."

— JACK ALEXANDER

CHARGE! A bad-tempered cow turned a chopper into a pile of junk

Overheating hair dryer kills woman

Marie Pohlenlehl was killed by a hair dryer.

The Biddeford, Maine, woman died in her flooded home after her husband, William, left the dryer on and set the people's quilt between the tub and wall.

Deputy Chief Raymond Logan said Pohlenlehl, 38, got up in the middle of the night and jumped on the high dryer to dry his sweaty pillow. He said she did not put the dryer next to his pillow on the living room, then walked outside.

But the front door locked automatically and Pohlenlehl couldn't get back in, Logan said.

"He banged but couldn't wake his wife up," he said.

Mrs. Pohlenlehl was killed in the fire and her husband was hospitalized. He is in good condition.

Roofer survives fall into bubbling tar

Roofer Deryk Wilmo was climbing a ladder with a bucket of tar when he slipped — and drenched himself from head to toe with the boiling hot tar!

He was rushed to a hospital where doctors started slowly peeling the drying tar from his body. He was reported in satisfactory condition. Doctors said Deryk, 53, would have been blinded by the hot tar if he hadn't been wearing glasses.

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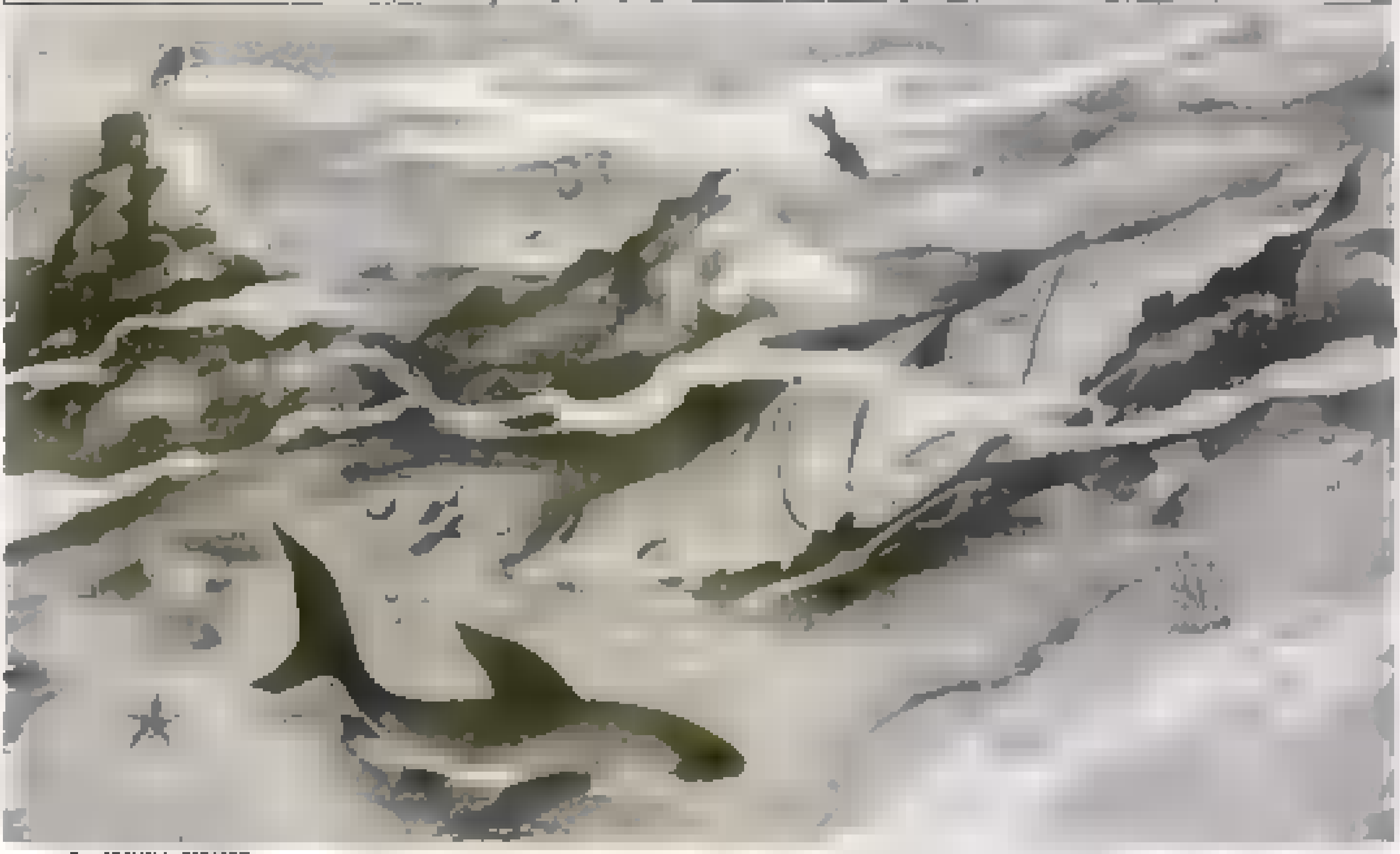

By IRWIN FISHER

5,000-year-old UFO found in the Red Sea

A top German scientist claims to have found a 5,000-year-old starship on the bottom of the Red Sea. The expert says the hull is cracked.

But the interior appears to be intact — and its nuclear engines are still hot enough to turn sea water to steam!

"The discovery of the UFO is an amazing achievement," Dr. Vering Kamal told reporters in Cairo, Egypt.

"We now have concrete proof that extraterrestrials visited Earth in antiquity. If we can get the ship up we might be able to duplicate the technology and build one of our own." Dr. Kamal said divers discovered the UFO after a storm kicked up sand on the floor of the Red Sea.

The expert refused to pinpoint its location. But he did say that it is in 90 feet of water off the coast of Sudan.

The portion of the UFO that has been exposed suggests that it is shaped like a flat-tened cigar, he added. Algae and silt have stained the hull.

"Sand samples taken from the area indicate that the ship is at least 5,000 years old," said Dr. Kamal. "But the nuclear engines contain unspent fuel and are still hot enough to boil the water around them.

"We won't know for sure until we get it out of the water, but it doesn't appear that there are any bodies aboard."

The governments of Sudan and Egypt have refused to comment on the expert's reported discovery. But he has applied for permission from both countries to begin a recovery operation, newspapers confirmed.

The discovery of the ship comes in the wake of dozens of archaeological discoveries relating to extraterrestrial contact with ancient humans.

UFO researcher Erich Herzold of Wiesbaden, West Germany, commented: "The evidence that space aliens visited Earth and early man is irrefutable.

"Anybody who thinks otherwise has his head in the sand

Photog will die for killing models

KILLER Bill Bradford faces [illegible]

By JACK ALEXANDER

A cold-blooded killer has been sentenced to die for luring two young women into the Mojave Desert for his sexual pleasure — and then strangling them.

Amateur photographer Bill Bradford, who may be responsible for at least eight other murders, had been convicted in the deaths of Shari Miller, [illegible], and Tracey Campbell, 15, of Los Angeles.

"I'm so glad. I hope he suffers before he dies, because he hurt my baby," said Shari's mom, Marilyn Miller of Los Angeles.

[illegible] them separately to a remote camping spot in the desert. Tracey's nude, badly decomposed body was found there.

Bradford dumped Shari's corpse in a parking lot.

Prosecutors said Bradford rusmed the aspiring young models into meeting him on the pretext of taking their pictures. Instead he took them to the desert and killed them.

Ferrero called the sentencing "bittersweet," and added: "I wish Bill Bradford had never been born."

Bradford has a long history of violence toward women. In 1983 he was arrested for jumping naked from a tree in front of two 12-year-old girls.

Shortly after his arrest for the 1984 murders of Shari and Tracey, Bradford pleaded no contest to forcibly raping his ex-girlfriend in the desert.

Police have described Bradford as a "serial murderer," who may have killed eight

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Bank prez, 96, still on the job after 72 years

BANKER Stella Bellamy shows up every day for work in the same bank where she started as a bookkeeper in 1914.

By KATE KLIMKIN

Amazing Stella Bellamy is a lot more than just an active 96-year-old lady — she's also president of a bank and head of a growing insurance agency.

The spunky Sandoval, Ill., dynamo can be found every weekday at her office at the First National Bank, the same company she started working for as a bookkeeper some 72 years ago in 1914 when she was just 24.

Her late husband Harry joined her at the bank as a cashier in 1921 and they worked together until his death in 1968.

By 1967, Stella was president of the bank that now has $33 million in assets.

Stella's got plenty of memories but the strangest one is when the bank was robbed in 1933. Two armed men barged into Stella and Harry's home in the middle of the night, tied her up in the bed and took Harry to the bank to open the safe.

"But the safe had a time lock," she recalled. "So all they got was about (about $1,200 in coins)."

By the time they brought Harry back to the house, Stella had gnawed through her bonds and called the police. The robbers fled, but were eventually caught.

Stella says she owes her longevity to her genes. Her mother lived to 93, an aunt died at 97 and a great aunt lived to 99, she said.

She also thinks a key is her long life is her sweet tooth.

"I don't smoke and I eat a balanced diet of meat, potatoes and vegetables," she said. "And I always have dessert."

Parents' send-off is for the birds

Nancy and John Peterson awoke one morning to find their suburban Chicago home surrounded by unexpected visitors — nearly 250 pink plastic flamingos!

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"We gotta plan to leave when we saw what they had done," Pop Peterson said.

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Address your letters to Editors, Weekly World News, [illegible] Lantana, Fl. [illegible]. We reserve the right to edit your letters.

Editors: I get so fed up reading letters in *WWN* from these red-neck bozos out in Hicksville, Tex., or somewhere who get all hot and bothered about people who have sex-change surgery. They say anybody who has this kind of operation is a pervert.

It's not so. My wife Gina was a man for the first 23 years of her life. Gina (it was Gene back then) wasn't a "depraved queer" as M.W. said in a recent letter. He was a handsome, athletic guy who came to realize that he was a woman trapped in a man's body.

Gina went through months and months of therapy and several rounds of surgery and hormone treatments — and now she's a very beautiful woman! Sometimes people look at me funny and turn up their noses at the thought of me marrying a woman who used to be a man, but I love Gina very much and I'm very happy with my life.

Gina and I loved it when you told off M.W. and we want to thank you for your courage. We agree with you that sex-change surgery is no different from any other kind of surgery and that people like Gina and I are as normal as any pair of Texas rangers — F.P., Chicago, Ill.

Whoa, pal. We do believe in live and let live, but we never, ever compared sex-change surgery to an appendectomy — and we never said folks like you and your gal Gina are anything close to normal!

We're glad you're happy with your sex-swap marriage — because many of us wouldn't touch her on a bet. — Editors

God didn't intend for women to [illegible]

Editors: Sometimes I like your paper but [illegible] garbage.

That story saying women should get ahead in the business world by [illegible] is the biggest garbage of all.

God never intended women to be in the so-called business world in the first place and He certainly never intended them to be out there running like drunken sailors.

You should realize that God created women to stay [illegible] take care of the house [illegible] A proper work is [illegible] fixing dinner for her husband and children.

You owe us all an apology for that [illegible]! — D.S., Omaha, Nebr.

Yeah, we say what you mean. If God wanted women out there doing a man's job and running up a storm, He wouldn't have made [illegible] such good cooks.

Right? — Editors

Romantic ghost is my kind of guy

Editors: Hey, what's wrong with that Lorraine Mobley over in England? She's got a nice, friendly ghost who comes around [illegible] and cuddles up with her.

I'm about 40 years older than she is and not quite as pretty, but I'll tell you, [illegible] sounds like my kind of guy. [illegible] ghost? — Mrs. [illegible] City, Iowa.

[illegible] looking for a guy with [illegible] substance — Editors

THIS picture irritated some readers.

Tarantula picture scared me to death

Editors: I know you like to shock people and give them the willies, especially with the pictures you run.

I'm always careful how I look through your paper so nothing hits me too hard.

But when I saw the picture of the girl in the June 7 paper with the tarantula on her face, I almost had a heart attack!

Show all the pictures you want to of rats or worms or snakes, but no more pictures of spiders crawling on people. My weak heart can't stand it. — A.G., Tallahassee, Fla.

Is this the picture you mean? We promise never to run it again. — Editors

His life's an open book — but lots of pages are missing

[illegible]

Dear Dotti: When I met this guy, he told me he was a bigtime rancher. There wasn't any reason to disbelieve him because he had a Cadillac and $1,000 cowboy boots. He told me all about his three marriages, but said he'd never really been in love until he met me, so we got married.

He set me up in a penthouse and bought me everything I'd ever wanted. I thought I was in heaven. But lately he's taken to staying out on the town and out of town. I ask him about where he's going and he always tells me but it doesn't seem to add up anymore.

The man could talk a steer into roping itself but I'm getting wary about believing him anymore. I never I've never seen or talked to anybody who works for him and he gets lots of phone calls.

I want a family and he tells me he wants kids too, but sometimes I get the feeling the sheriff's breathing right behind him. I don't want a jailbird for my children's daddy. [illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible] you just don't wonder about his business deals. Don't [illegible] Just give him a little [illegible]

Loverboy talks about his ex-gal pal

Dear Dotti: I recently got engaged but I'm not sure if he loves me as much as I love him.

He's supposed to care about me now but he's always bringing up his former girlfriend's name out of the blue and talking about her until I [illegible]

He can't let go of his [illegible] And since he [illegible] those old [illegible] bother me, [illegible] about [illegible]

[illegible]

should give him something to think about. Throw your engagement ring [illegible] ex-gal pal's [illegible] and [illegible]

Live-in lover won't marry me

Dear Dotti: I've been living with this man for [illegible] years. We're both divorced and we both have three children each.

I love this guy and now I'd like to make it official and [illegible]

[illegible]

wait on him hand and foot all the time.

Am I wasting my time? — Feeling Deserted, West Virginia

Dear Feeling Deserted: He treats you like a live-in housekeeper, so that's all you should be. [illegible] and [illegible] to the altar.

Confidential

Dear [illegible]: You need a lesson in how to tell a good-enough [illegible] from a good-for-nothing [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Former Lover [illegible]: [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] since it produced [illegible] baby and his boyfriend. Heaven knows how many other [illegible] are [illegible] around the planet, too.

Dear [illegible]: Don't [illegible] — get mad! And [illegible]

Dear Crafty Lady in New York: Your boyfriend made the right decision when he cancelled his plans to visit you. And you'll be doing the right thing if you stay with your husband.

L♡VELINES

To Robert in New York City: Happy Birthday to the darling [illegible] who [illegible] — [illegible]

To My Sweet [illegible] in Georgia: You [illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible]

To My Dearest Richard in [illegible]: [illegible]

Mom locks up world's record

Diane Wirt has been through a hair-raising 13 years — and now her gorgeous mane measures an amazing 10 feet long

The Worcester, Mass., mother of two has made it into the Guinness Book of World Records as the woman with the longest hair in the world. It took her hours to shampoo the lengthy locks — with help from her family

DID THIS MA

Doctor ke severed h for seven

By DONALD RO

A doctor kept his wife's sev years — using a life-support syst his garage.

But after tenderly caring for th power outage destroyed the 60-year-old mortality.

The bizarre details of the doctor's labor chael — were given by his friend Norwegian at a medical conference in Belgrade, Yugos

The story really begins in 1990," Dr Vassil questioned when Mrs Markert's wife was diagnosed as

Later it was found that the cancer had spread dominal area.

By early 1992 she was only 20 stone. Chemotherapy left after two years of hospital appoi and that's when surgeons

In February 1992, Markert decided on a Boeing 7 to the Hotel Dieppe and Conference Centre in a suburban shopping district.

I suggested to him that a spell of extreme exha her. Always a considerate, loyal man, he was Lessons to the point of collapse.

We then went to the storeroom and he said to me

The cancer was spread all over my widow's hump. I plan to cut it away.

I explained to him that such radical surgery would surely kill the patient, but he said

She's already dead. I'm going for the operation. Either she'll wake or I have."

I suspect he's right, and tell her my before the following day. I didn't see his wife. Michael told me she wasn't up to seeing visitors.

Dr Vassiliades said he was sure

moved into a Mrs Markert chael developed and looked Dr Vassil "He told me like to show ment.

"There is now the slightly wife after bei giant embrace Dr Vassil

Baldness cure

An amazing new lotion is being heralded as a possible cure for baldness — and if it works, you can thank a pig.

Angie Mehl of Long Island, New York, is [illegible] Zelmanski, an [illegible]

N OF SCIENCE GO TOO FAR?

eps wife's ead alive years!

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ver — he is identified only as Mr ar specialist Dr Olav Fosshagen

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ower failure foils ain-boggling bid save beloved's life

HIDEOUS HEAD at the doctor's side (centre) is that of Dr Olav Fosshagen. The woman was stricken with cancer but she was kept alive on an organism life-support device that was ripped up in a garage

Dr Michael's home. A Whom he replaced. All with a limp handshake dead man said: had something terri- felt me to be base- unspeakable horror. I disappearing head of his at looked at me like a tubes and wires. and Michael told him

he realised it was his wife's body and kept the head alive on a machine he'd made in his garage.

"I knew if I could keep the head alive I might one day be able to transplant it into a donor body," Dr Fosshagen recalled Michael as saying.

"He told me that he believed the soul is the vessel of the soul, and thus it was possible for his beautiful young wife to live on in another body," Dr Fosshagen said.

"I was appalled but Michael spoke very

[illegible] to the doctor's care. He had a genius [illegible] for keeping [illegible] preserved and [illegible] to place [illegible] Knight [illegible] cried and pleaded [illegible] crossing [illegible]

[illegible] boundary I [illegible] I told him I would [illegible] to the authorities until he was safe and [illegible] to another country.

I kept my word and only informed the authorities [illegible]

"I told them the story. I am telling [illegible] of a man who perhaps loved [illegible] much and used his skills to [illegible]

"It was an experiment doomed from the start."

Hit-and-run driver commits suicide

A guilt-ridden hit-and-run driver who left his victim for dead drove to a secluded woods — and blew his brains out with a shotgun.

Distraught driver Chris Dale, 22, confessed to his mother and committed suicide after the dreadful accident in York, England.

"It's obvious he couldn't cope with it all and panicked," said his grandmother, Annie Dale.

"He was in a terrible state after the accident. Words cannot describe

aken from pigs' guts

[illegible] step at will cause hair [illegible] tiny blood vessels at the tumour base. "The results of the trials will [illegible] used in marketing [illegible] products. No [illegible] details [illegible] will be made [illegible] cause [illegible] contraceptive [illegible] are produced [illegible] the hair and will [illegible] marketed as [illegible]" said Mr [illegible]

Oldsters are sexy in Japan

The Japanese live longer than anybody else in the world — and their men have strong sex drives even when they're near 90 years old!

In a recent survey of Japanese men 50 and older, 70 percent said they still like to make whoopie.

"The secrets of longevity are to live in a mountain village, take walks regularly, eat lightly seasoned food, and stay interested in women," said the report.

Passenger denies $650Gs in his suitcase is his — so cops take it

By JACK ALEXANDER

U.S. Custom's agents confiscated $648,658 when they stopped a traveler [illegible] the money in suitcases — and he denied it belonged to him.

"It's not against the law to be carrying money in suitcases," said Los Angeles sheriff's deputy Don Mosier. "There's no law that says you can't do that.

[illegible] which he [illegible] discovering the money, was [illegible] the suitcases up to the customer he was re- [illegible] They had [illegible] without charges. The [illegible] were released [illegible] willing to sign.

"It's kind of strange," said Deputy Roger Blom. "The guy denied it was his even though it was right in his hand."

Bail Vacaboro claimed the money at his. "The whole game plan would have changed," said Blom.

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A West German exchange student may have had a death wish when he scaled a 15-foot, barbed wire fence into a power company substation — and was electrocuted.

Authorities in Calgary, Canada, are checking Bernhard Sigl's diary hoping to find out if he purposely fried himself.

Sigl, 17, left 4 school dorm after midnight and walked to the power station. Power was knocked out to 11,000 homes.

A hydro power crew found his charred body dangling 20 feet from the ground inside the substation.

Soda pop bottles make frogs frisky

Herpetologists at the Baltimore National Aquarium are going ape — over the birth of 10 tiny frogs!

Experts say it's the first time that blue poison arrow frogs have mated and bore young in captivity in America.

The earth-shaking breakthrough came when scientists discovered the tiny critters like to mate in empty plastic soda bottles!

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Kin cry foul after rich man forks over fortune to felines

by JOE HAGAN

Tightfisted tycoon Ben Rea was worth a whopping $13 million when he died, but his money-grubbing relatives didn't get a dime — because cat-crazy Ben willed all his loot to his pussycat pals.

"Oh, no, he's left it all to the cats!" gasped a flabbergasted cousin when she got the news.

The moneybags bachelor divided his fabulous fortune among three British kitty charities — leaving a mess of nephews, nieces and cousins crying in their beer and booting for justice.

"It was wonderful to see the look on all those skinflint relatives' faces when they learned the money was going to his furry friends," explained Ben's buddy Denny Hood, who attended the reading of the will.

"They were all dying to get their hands on a chunk of the old man's loot and they didn't like it one bit when they found out it was all going to those little kitties."

The greedy grumps from Derby, England died at the age of 82 — [illegible] days after the death of [illegible] sister Daisy [illegible] Dr Walker who left it all [illegible] loss to the SPCA to help care [illegible] for her cat-obsessed kitty.

"This will come like a drop in the bucket compared to a multi-million pound fortune," Ben insisted just before his fatal heart attack.

The antique dealer lived in [illegible] what I'm going to leave my cats,' Ben insisted just before his fatal heart attack.

The antique dealer lived in a musty old mansion he once shared with 18 pampered pussycats. Over the years the kitten count of old age until he was left with just nine — his favorite, Blackie.

"Ben thought the world of his cats, but he liked very few humans," said close friend Ken Randolph.

"He was very tight with his money and he felt most people — especially his kinfolk — just wanted to get their hands on his wallet. I'm afraid he was right."

The ornery old-timer gave his would-be heirs a raspberry from beyond the grave by leaving pal Ken a $200,000 bonus and doling out small amounts to his plumber, his mechanic and his gardener.

"I reckon the old boy's in heaven laughing his head off," Lenny Hood said.

Brain glitches cause suicides in teenagers

Teenage suicide may be the result of a chemical imbalance, a startling new study shows.

Research has revealed that depressed teens who are contemplating ending it all show abnormalities in brain chemicals that may, in fact, trigger their suicide attempts, according to Dr Neal D Ryan of the University of Pittsburgh.

"This clearly demonstrates some brain differences in suicidal adolescents," said Dr Ryan, an assistant professor of psychiatry.

She won't string along

Three-year-old Daisy Gaspel left does a solo while her father calmly rolls a fag. In the photo above, from left: Mark Pullinger, 3, Chantelle Bryant, 5, Ada Rzeszotnik, 7, Richard Seager, 9, and their mistress at the London music school, Julian Lloyd Webber.

Chastity belts are in demand!

Husbands in Italy still have some old-fashioned ideas about love and marriage. Roman craftsman Angelo Cametrino da Grecco said he's got a backlog of orders — for chastity belts!

He said distrustful hubbies want the belts complete with tamper-proof padlocks.

Freeze-dried astronauts

Have you ever wondered what happens when people die in space?

Scientists say a person who expires in the icy-cold vacuum of space would be freeze-dried. Body fluids would freeze, and decompose into vapor.

Frank Salzman, a medical expert for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Washington, says the process would be "like storing dried beans in the deep freeze."

Those purr-fectly amazing cats! The farther they fall the softer they land!

Cats are so light on their feet they can tumble from towering skyscrapers and survive 90 percent of the time. And incredibly, the farther they fall the softer they land!

When cats plunge seven stories or more, the death and injury rate actually decrease as the length of the fall increases, according to a study reported in the journal Nature.

One kitty who plummeted 32 stories onto a New York City street survived with [illegible] but a frightened tenth and a never-long injury resentment said.

Cats have enough fats that would kill humans — thanks to the fact there is low resistance upon millions of years developing through the branches of trees, says UCLA physiologist Jared Diamond.

Those who could survive a persons fall were the ones most likely to pass along their genes to future generations.

"Thus, the nine lives of cats are a product of their evolutionary history," Diamond said

Beauty contest can't find any pretty girls

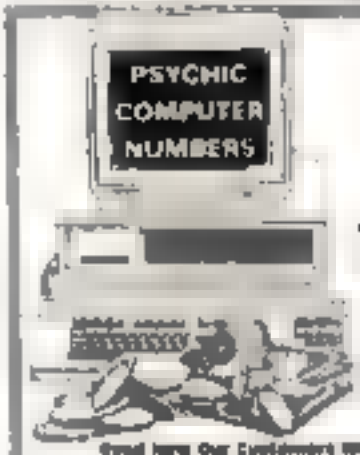
By DEREK CLONTZ

A Chinese beauty contest was called off because all the contestants looked alike — ugly!

Incredibly, 300 girls in the flower of youth were vying to win the first Peking Beauty Contest.

"These girls don't know how to use makeup or wear the appropriate clothes to show off their natural beauty," fumed judge Lan Gonag. "They apparently don't know what beauty is."

In a bid to salvage the contest, officials offered lessons on the use of makeup and dress in the hope that one of the girls could improve her looks enough to be declared the winner. Chinese newspapers said



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Mom sets son on fire, say cops

A drunk mum set her boy two alarms after he sneaked $40 from a piggy bank, cops said

Esther Tejeiro, 34, ordered her 10-year-old son to dunk his hands in a tray of rubbing alcohol which she'd set afire, [illegible] cops

When the boy, whose name was not released by mother Lisa, reached into the flames, he tripped, spilling the accelerating liquid onto his chest and burning 30 percent of his body

Her husband told cops she was just trying to teach the kid a lesson by scaring the living daylights out of him

Mrs. Tejeiro has been charged with child abuse, say authorities in Tampa, Fla.

BICYCLE HORROR

A relatively 85-year-old man who refused to drive a car after drunkenly at a buddy's retirement bash made the wrong decision on how to get safely home — and was killed on his bicycle

Authorities ruled the death of Cyrus Bayda, of Blackburn, England, an [illegible]

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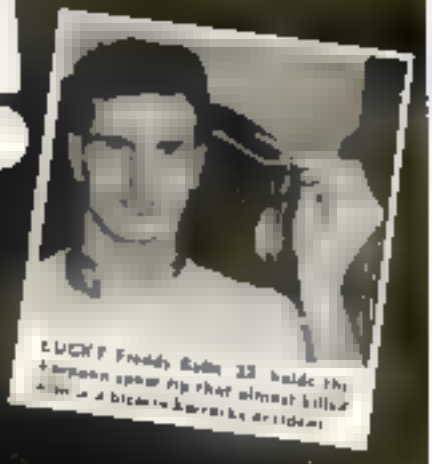

LUCKY Freddy Bolle, 22, holds the 4-prong spear tip that almost killed him in a bizarre barracks accident.

Young soldier harpooned in barracks mishap within ¼-inch of losing his life

By JACK ALEXANDER

An off-duty soldier was cleaning a loaded spear gun when it suddenly fired — and speared his barracks buddy in the face.

"I just heard a click and there I was with a spear sticking in my face," said Freddy Bolle, 22. "At first there was no pain and I was frozen to the spot. Then I just fell to the floor in a state of shock."

The deadly three-pronged spear plowed through Bolle's nose, and stuck in his lip and forehead.

Another fraction of an inch and the spear would have struck his square in the left eye. The bizarre accident occurred in Lebanon where Bolle was stationed as part of the Norwegian UN forces.

Because the field hospital wasn't equipped to deal with the emergency, Bolle was taken on an agonizing 45-mile trip to a hospital in Nagara.

"It was the most painful experience of my life," said Bolle of Vestby, Norway. "I was worried about getting shot up in Lebanon. But getting speared in the face by one of my buddies was the furthest thing from my mind."

Surgeons carefully removed the spear from Bolle's face in a delicate, hour-long operation.

He has the spear as a memento of the ordeal, and no permanent scars after coming within a fraction of an inch of losing his life.

Authorities say no charges were filed against his army buddy who was cleaning the spear gun for a fishing trip.

10-year-old driver didn't want to be late for class

Teachers and students were stunned when a 10-year-old boy pulled into the parking lot of an elementary school — driving his dad's Buick.

The boy, who was alone in the car and had the front seat adjusted as far forward as it would go, was spotted by a startled teacher as he maneuvered the roomy sedan into one of the parking slots at the Fall-Hamilton Elementary School in Nashville, Tenn.

The teacher promptly took the boys from the boy and escorted him to the principal's office.

Naturally, the boy's dad was called.

School Principal James Merriweather wasn't happy about the boy driving, but he was sympathetic. "He was early for school," said Merriweather.

Court decides doc got cozy with patients

A doctor was convicted of two counts of sexual assault for sexual contact with a couple of female patients.

The women had accused Dr. Rudnick Tomaso, a gynecologist specializing in vaginal laser surgery, of touching their breasts during examinations.

But a jury in Niagara, Ont., acquitted Tomaso of a third battery charge after another woman testified that he was up and in the room with her examined patients. The three women said the doctor was placed and no nurse was there when he examined them.

The doctor could be sent to jail for a year and fined $1,000. Georgina Head of Medical Examiners guaranteed an interest

Gal leaves $756 to her dogs

Millionairess Rebecca Knight wanted her beagles to go on living in style when she died — so she left them $72,000 in her will.

The Durham, N.C., woman set aside the money to provide canid lavish care as her beloved Tessy, Libby, Cissy and Christine

WRINGER HORROR

A paper mill worker died after he was smothered by a giant wringer, authorities say.

William Freeman, 36, of Hinesburg, N.J., was killed when he was pulled between the rollers in the hammer machine, which squeezes moisture from paper.

State police ruled Freeman's death an accident.

Dial for meltdown

Callers TV contest overload phone system

By JACK ALEXANDER

Egypt's phone system nearly melted when a Cairo TV show offered a $650 prize to viewers who could answer a religious question — and 850,000 people tried to call.

"If this continues, many telephone cables may burn out and repairs will cost the state millions of dollars," said a phone official. Viewers were given three hours to answer the question during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Few of them got through to the station and some callers didn't even get a dial tone.

Authorities said they didn't know right away what was happening.

Killer's shrink must pay $4.5M

A mother and father were awarded $4.5 million in damages from the psychiatrist who treated the man who killed their daughter.

Phyllis and Alfred Bellman's 25-year-old daughter Shelly, of Quincy, Mass., died after being stabbed 31 times by her ex-boyfriend Thomas Gould.

The Bellmans sued psychiatrist Dr. Steven M. Maran for malpractice.

Maran had treated Gould three years before the attack.

Niacin fights heart disease

A cheap, over-the-counter vitamin reduces risks of heart disease and lowers cholesterol levels, medical experts claim.

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Slave traders from outer space!

By NIMEY WHITE

Space aliens kidnap as many as 10,000 people a year and the situation is going to get worse as their need for slave labor increases!

That's the word from Dr. Allo Space, who says the calculated results will be both startling and frightening but are now beginning to target white collar workers and the middle class.

According to experts, by the year 2000 more than 10,000 men, women and children will disappear every year in people in the employ of an alien civilization.

I don't want to be a prophet of doom but I can envision a day when the entire human race is living in fear of European police chief Pete Amsterdam told reporters.

Strangely enough, almost all of the people who have disappeared in the past few years are white.

SPACE ALIENS like these depicted above are kidnapping humans to use as slave labor!

As it stands, 10,000 men, women and children disappear every year in the United States alone. That's the equivalent of the entire population of Miami, Florida, or Seattle, Washington, vanishing from the face of the earth.

Space aliens have been responsible for the disappearance of 5,000 people in the past three years alone, Dr. Space claimed. In fact, over a three-month period in 1987, 1,000 people disappeared.

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Some UFO expert Hugo Pierson applauded Dr. Space's report as a study that must be read.

The Soviet Union is fully aware of the catastrophic slave trade and even published a book on the situation in 1984," he said.

Hubby, wife & son get prison terms in Rambo-style killing

Loud muffler revenge!

By JACK ALEXANDER

When you have got neighbors like Michel and Nicole Laurin and their son, Daniel, you really don't need any enemies.

They're the kind of folks who will hire a hit man to kill your son because his car has a noisy muffler, and then comfort you when his mutilated body is found.

The three Laurins will soon have new neighbors they can identify with. They've been sentenced to prison for hiring a Rambo-type ex-con to kill neighbor Yves Lalonde, 19, in Ile Perrot, Quebec.

Cops say he met his partner, David White, screamed the teen to a victory but told Nicole were he would never drive again.

The victim was shot, strangled, stabbed 16 times and had his throat slashed.

His blood-stained body was found the next day.

"A crowd had formed and Lalonde's mother came to look," Constable Michel Martin told The NEWS in March. "When she saw it was her son, she burst into tears and fell to her knees."

$1,000 by the Laurins to break the teenager's legs so he couldn't drive his noisy car around. But Legault, who runs a combat training school near Montreal, got carried away and killed the kid.

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ex, girlfriend Laurin, 40, threatened by cutthroat. His wife was so worried, police said, that she called up hit man Legault and paid $5,000 for a prison recipe.

Mrs. Laurin, her son, Daniel, and Legault, are charged with attempting to murder her husband by lacing his coffee with poison.

Laurin, who got sick after a few sips of the poisoned coffee, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 13 years and four months in prison in the teenager's hired killing.

His cunning wife was sentenced to 10 years and four months, and their son, Daniel, eight years and four months. They, too, pleaded guilty to

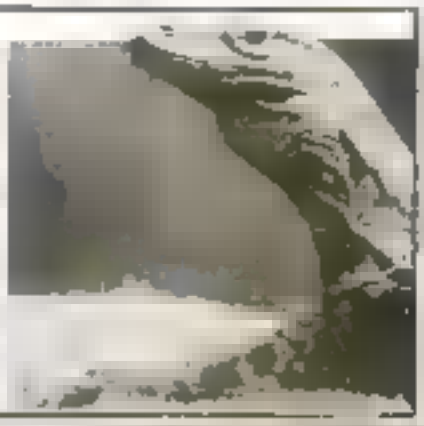
Mom finds monster lizard in her shower!

Debra Centro was fit to be tied when her teenage son brought home a five-foot lizard and dumped it in her shower.

Patrick Centro said he spotted the gigantic monitor lizard slinking down a street in Bolingbrook, Ill. He'd like to keep the beast as a pet.

But Mrs. Centro says, "I'd like to find the rightful owner."

If the owner can't be found, Illinois Natural will adopt the lizard which is illegal to own in the United States, officials said.



Lottery officials make winner wait [redacted] year to collect $506 prize

By DEREK CLONTZ

Emil Nicholas has finally collected the $50,000 he won in a California lottery — but it took a yearlong fight with officials to get his loot.

The 35-year-old man from Northridge, Calif., ran into problems when he mailed his winning ticket to lottery officials in the wrong kind of envelope.

It ended up in a second-chance lottery drawing and was destroyed. Fortunately Nicholas had a photocopy of the ticket.

And after a lot of legal wrangling and sprinkling the lottery finally paid off.

"I'm very relieved," Nicholas said.

Girl was chained to bed, cops say

A cruel 31-year-old mom has been charged with child abuse after she chained her helpless daughter to a bed and forced her to live on a back porch, say cops.

Pamela S. Brown of Kansas City, Missouri, used chains to restrain the 10-year-old girl, sometimes overnight, police said.

Mrs. Brown forced her daughter to live in the back porch and didn't allow her to attend school "because of the criminal activities that are occurring in them," according to court records.

SWORD PLAY

Timothy Tuyn was run through the chest with a two-foot sword and lived to tell about it. In fact, he didn't even need surgery for his wound.

The lucky 23-year-old handyman testified at the trial of swordsman Michael Tucker, who was sentenced to 4 years, 8 months in jail for wounding with intent, officials said.

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Trivia

By JACK ALEXANDER

Hillary-class Jean Collins was just another pretty face in B-movies until she became the filthy rich gal on TV's *Dynasty*. Since then, she has graced the cover of more than 500 magazines.

The two ex-presidents who bore the name Roosevelt — Franklin D. and Teddy — weren't around to see sexy Joan in her prime. Both had long since passed on.

Here from the wonderful Weekly World News Trivia archives are their last words. F.D.R. — "I have a terrible headache." Teddy — "Please put out the light."

Nine former U.S. presidents were self-made men who didn't attend college. They were Harry Truman, Grover Cleveland, Andrew Johnson, George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore and Abraham Lincoln.

Here are more Trivia tidbits:

● Modern-day women might envy the girls who belong to the Dulunga tribe in the Congo. They are the ones who are carried everywhere on the backs of their men.

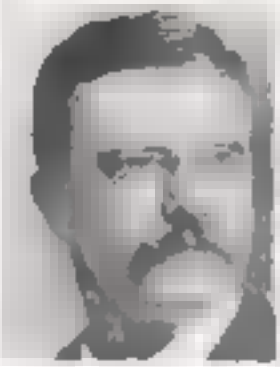
● The liver — not the heart — is the site of problems in Northern Malaysia. When a Mongrimai girl falls in love she says, "Darling, you have stolen my liver."

● Mrs. Cadwallader Ludlow and Mary Ashley were unceremoniously dropped from Philadelphia's Social Register when she became a film actress called Katharine Hepburn.

● When the Civil War broke out, Ulysses S. Grant was working in his family's leather store.

● Despite the many rat-infested slums in New York, only 311 people reportedly were bitten by rats in '90. That same year 1,819 New Yorkers were killed by other New Yorkers.

● A small tribe named the Todas in southern India don't



BOUGH Elder Teddy Roosevelt's last words didn't match the colonel's rough image.

SICYCLES are everywhere in China, and for good reason. There is only one car for every 13,000 persons in the country.

Teddy's not-so-famous last words: 'Put out the light'

whipped cream on a hot dog.

● What color appears third on any color list? It's not white, black, blue or green. The color that is 4th on any color list is 3rd and remains that way.

● A company has come a fresh supply of blood every three nights. A participant donates directly to a clinic where it stays.

● People with healthier diets in China by 15,000 to 1 by the U.S., the ratio is 3 to 2.

● A study average adult who

nightmares a year, but here terrors terrorize children a day.

● The best team in an NFL football game would have 24 footballs inflated and ready to play.

● Alligators are officially food sources. It takes eight pounds of food to put a pound of meat on a steer. Five pounds for a hog and three pounds for a chicken. But only two pounds of food make a pound of [illegible] meat.

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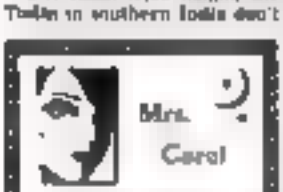

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Accidental Discovery May End Obesity

Blocks calorie absorption

SWEDEN — Medical researchers at the University of Kuopio in Finland have discovered (accidentally) a new weight-loss formula. The new discovery makes an overweight individual lose pounds and body inches without dieting or exercise.

Scientists made the discovery while working on a formula to lower cholesterol. In a study of a test group, researchers were astounded to find that the doctors were not only lowering the cholesterol level of their patients, but that every patient who used the formula lost weight. The published report of the study stated, "A highly significant decrease in body weight was found" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was then tested at Sweden's Sahlgren Hospital. There it is currently again on patients but a substantial amount of weight even though they do not change their eating habits. The report credits the study, published in the Finnish Journal of Medicine, stated "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were given no advice to restrict their dietary habits" One patient in the study lost more than 30 pounds.

According to one informed source, the active ingredient comes from a plant native to the Orient. Experts on the Orient have been studying the herb for centuries, crediting it with the ability to [illegible] and curing [illegible] ailments, including [illegible] preventing [illegible] absorption.

A significant portion of the calories ingested does not pass through the digestive system, instead it is [illegible] in the intestines, and is then excreted [illegible]. The result is that body weight [illegible]. Dieting [illegible] you eat and the ability of the formula to help [illegible].

The formula is marketed in tablet form in the United States under the trade name of Cal Ban 3000. A firm located in Tampa, Florida, has exclusive North American distribution rights. A letter of [illegible] from several hundred of people who have lost weight [illegible] as much as 30 [illegible] in more pounds overall with Cal Ban 3000. There is a golden opportunity for people who are pleased to be and satisfied that they can't control their [illegible] natural methods.

Cal Ban 3000 is reasonably priced at $19.95 for a 1-week supply and $34.95 for a 2-week supply. Postage and handling is $1. To order, send a check or money order to Cal Ban 3000, P.O. Box [illegible], Tampa, Florida [illegible]. Credit cards are accepted by toll-free phone with VISA, MasterCard, American Express and C.O.D. orders are accepted. C.O.D.'s are $2.00 extra. Orders can be placed by calling Anderson Pharmacals [illegible]. Only the special winter order purchasers of a six-week supply of Cal Ban 3000 will receive, absolutely free, a beautiful 21" purple strand necklace of sparkling Chinese Fire pearls.

Call today to [illegible] the pleasant transformation that will take you to the slender slim body you want. If you fail to achieve a more weight loss you may return the empty bottle for a [illegible] refund.

COPS say Sammie McGee killed her son in fight.

Cops: Crippled mom killed her rotten son

Homicide cops say crippled mom Sammie McGee told her street-gang son, "I brought you into the world and I'll take you out" — as she plunged a steak knife into his heart!

The knife proved to be a ticket to the grave for Sammie's 18-year-old son, Bluefus "Scooter" Davis. It took him out of this world less than two hours later in Community Hospital in Panorama City, Calif.

By ROCE DONOVAN

Now the 37-year-old mother of three is charged with murder, and the grim words of rage she spat out as she grabbed up the knife may well decide whether or not she spends the rest of her life behind prison bars.

Prosecutors said the remark could mean the stabbing was not an act done in a moment of anger, but rather that she had intended to kill her son.

Relatives, however, say too much is being made of Sammie's "I'll take you out" remark.

"I don't think prosecutors understand what she meant by it," Scooter's older brother Ricardo explained. "She's been telling me that for years."

Asst. Dist. Atty. Andy Pasmond recorded Sammie's remark in a courtroom exhibit since she was not available to testify.

Pasmond conceded Sammie's remark is a common catchphrase and one that he recalls having recently heard on The Cosby Show.

"I've said it to my son, too," he added. "But I didn't stab him in the heart when I said it."

"The remark detracts from a claim of self-defense and takes away from it being a spontaneous act," Homicide Detective Bob Vlasing told The NEWS.

"There's often a thin line between murder and self-defense."

Cops said the stabbing climaxed an explosive argument the pair had over Scooter's flat refusal to repay $50 he had borrowed from Sammie, who was severely disabled in a car crash.

Witnesses said at one point, the teenage tough bragged he didn't have to pay the money back, talking his mom. "I'm a Crip (gang member) and no one messes with me."

It was at that point, cops say, that Sammie made the remark that she could "take him out" of the world she had brought him into.

"It's a tragic situation," Blanchard said. "We don't have brothers killing their sons in a common crime. It was, unfortunately, a family dispute that got way out of hand."

As her two children looked on, Sammie pleaded innocent at her arraignment in Van Nuys Municipal Court.

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Slinky sex-change con keeps men's prison in a stir!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Sultry sex-change prisoner James Diviney is driving love-starved cons crazy prancing around in high-heeled shoes and slinky, skin-tight dresses.

Love-starved inmates are 'straining on the leash,' says warden

I've never seen a prison so lit up," said Hull Prison warden Philip Whatels. "Men are straining on the leash like animals in heat."

Diviney, 27, is an jail awaiting trial on a shocking sex charge. He was sent to a men's prison to await trial. England, even though he calls himself Jeanette and wants to be a sex change operation in the near future.

Prison officials say he doesn't have what it takes to get into a women's prison. In fact they admit he is a man masking and dress like a woman.

"There's no way we could move him in with the women," said warden Whatels. "We've got men in this prison who are desperate for some action."

Diviney is trying to get the court's permission to be transferred to a women's prison where his overwhelming desire can be respected and he would be able to mingle with the ladies.

His lawyer, Jane Kavanagh, is trying to help him. "Jeanette's torment is very real and deserves the support and kindness of a doctor," she said.

Whatels said Diviney's sex change operation will be paid for by the prison system.

"The object of the [sex change] exercise is not merely to be transferred to a women's prison but also to be developed a woman according to one's own self-awareness," said Whatels.

"He is like a woman," said warden Whatels. "And it's hard to afford to treat him like a man. It's a problem I haven't had to deal with in my life and have from the age of 16 or 17 years here."

So until Diviney's trial, prison officials are keeping him well away from sex-starved cons who would love to get their hands on him.

SULTRY con James Diviney drives fellow prisoners wild by wearing high-heeled shoes and tight dresses.

Cops smash stolen car — 'It had AIDS'

By JOE BERGER

Police recovered a stolen car and then quickly smashed it to smithereens — because it was covered with the crook's AIDS-infected blood!

The unidentified thief swiped the car from a repair shop in Edinburgh, Scotland, and wrecked it a few minutes later.

Cops had the injured rough rushed to a hospital, then called in experts to test the blood found spattered through the car.

"We knew we could never get that car again and not run the risk of catching AIDS, so we did what we had to. We had it destroyed."

Workers dressed protective clothing and towed the crash-ridden car to a wrecking yard, where it was crushed and then burned.

"It's the first time I know of where we've had to do anything like this, but AIDS is changing a lot of things," said lawman Lawrence Thomson.

Two insurance companies, one representing the owner and the other representing the repair shop where it was stolen, agreed to share the cost of replacing the car.

"Usually the insurance people would be screaming to inspect the damaged car, but this time they didn't even want to look at it," Thomson said. Officials wanted to get rid of the car as quickly as possible.

Chopper pilot lands on moving target

Horrified housewife Moira Taylor was cruising along a highway in her car when a helicopter landed on the car roof and took off again.

"I was absolutely petrified," said the frightened mother of two, whose car got louder and louder.

"At first, I thought my engine was going to blow up. Then the car was pulled violently and I saw the landing skids of a huge gray helicopter right in front of my windshield. It took off and I found dents and scratches atop her car. "We have no doubts about Mrs. Taylor's story," said a police spokesman.

"There is a lot of helicopter activity in that area," he said.

Burglar's big splash!

A house burglar in Lincoln, Neb., apparently was done in by his own good manners.

Cops there are searching for a crook who they said was chased from a home — after he woke up the occupants by flushing their toilet.

Natives worship talking dog

A missionary in Katmandu, Nepal, reports that a state police squad has discovered a remote village where natives worship a talking dog.

The missionary said the dog spoke French. The leader of the police squad, however, said he didn't hear the dog speak a word.

Giant snowballs created oceans!

By DICK DONOVAN

Know-it-all skeptics are now having second thoughts about a scientific theory they once pooh-poohed as mere rubbish — that the oceans of Earth were created by snowballs from space!

Recent research conducted in the U.S., Canada and Europe strongly support that theory first reported two years ago by University of Iowa physicist Louis Frank.

Frank calculated that 100-ton snowball comets — which fall to Earth at the rate of 10 million a year — contribute one inch of water every 10,000 years.

If that process has been underway since our planet was created 4.5 billion years ago, Frank said it would provide enough water for all of the earth's oceans and the polar ice caps.

The snowball comets fall at about 22,000 m.p.h., and break up about 1,000 miles above Earth.

Hunter survives super snakebite

An Australian snake catcher must live a charmed life after surviving a bite from the Inland Taipan — the world's deadliest land snake.

The unidentified reptile hunter was bitten on the chest by the snake, whose venom is 40 times more potent than that of the cobra.

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Neighbors raise ruckus over rubble pile ruled by rats!

City condemns garbage-dump granny's home

By JACK ALEXANDER

Work crews wearing masks hauled an unbelievable 20 tons of putrid garbage piled three feet high from the rat-infested home of an aging widow.

Retired hairdresser Eileen Burman had been using her modest home in Pomona, Calif., as a garbage dump for 20 years, claiming she was too sick to clean it up.

"I've been in some pretty ugly homes, but this is the worst I've ever seen," said Fire Capt. Terry Stainlenmayer.

"There was everything imaginable in there — kitchen, rotting food, rats, bugs, you name it. It was unbelievable," said Fire Chief Tom Poe.

The fire department inspected the house after neighbors complained of hundreds of rats crawling over the roof.

Firemen immediately declared the house unsanitary for human occupancy and ordered work crews with shovels and skip-loaders to clear out the rotting rubbish.

"I opened the door and it was completely rotten with garbage," said contractor Cornelius King Sr. "It flipped over a refrigerator and a rat jumped straight in the air."

The $4,000 cost of cleaning up the smelly mess will be passed on to Mrs. Burman, 71, who wasn't at all pleased that firemen were cleaning up her filthy home.

"It's my white jets," she said as she watched the contents of her home being scooped up and dumped in a giant dumpster.

"I've been sick for 20 years," said Mrs. Burman, who admitted she hadn't cleaned her house for awhile. "I'm trying to find another husband.

"I need somebody to help me, you know, paint the house and help pay for the food," she said. "These are the kinds of things a man can do. That would be a big help."

Authorities will allow the elderly woman to return to her home when the clean-up job is completed.

Mrs. Burman can't wait to get back to her kittens. "I would leave only we are home and that's if I had a heart attack," she said.

PATIENT: Eileen Burman watches workers cart away 20 tons of trash.

FILTHY CASTLE: Fire inspector Ron Gomez surveys the kitchen any officials ruled "unsanitary for human occupancy."

Workers lug 20 tons of trash out of her house

FISHERMAN HOOKED ON WIFE'S SOUP

An unlucky fisherman landed in the hospital after he slurped down a bowl of soup that contained eight razor-sharp fish hooks!

French officials said the angler, who lives in the town of Gap, had placed the fish hooks in a bowl as he prepared to leave on a fishing trip. His wife didn't notice the hooks when she poured soup in the bowl for her husband.

Doctors said the man was in fair con-

They've done it again!

Japanese invent stinky-breath detector

The Japanese have developed an astonishing new device that lets you know if your breath stinks before you attend someone! The do-it-yourself kit, available in Japan only, is about to be

Blindfolded motorist drives car into tree

Psychic Salva Testa promised to show off his telepathic powers by driving through the city blindfolded. But before he made it 100 yards, the white Mini crashed into a tree — trying to miss an imaginary dog!

Daffy Salva said he swerved because he sensed a pooch had run into the road as he drove through Giardini Naxos, Sicily. Cops said there was no dog around.

Bruised but not seriously hurt, the mind reader vowed to try his stunt again in a few weeks.

Surgeons save life of two-headed baby

A two-headed baby girl from Mogadishu, East Africa, is recovering successfully from an incredible operation which removed her deformed second head.

Surgeons, in a delicate eight-hour operation, cut off the featureless head, which contained a brain. They also transplanted brain cells into the baby's remaining head.

"She can now move her arms and legs and is perfectly normal," a pleased doc proclaimed.

The operation was three-month-old Fatma Hassan's last hope for survival, surgeons said.

The baby's frantic parents brought their child to El Mahdeer's Hospital in Paris, Italy, where the surgery was performed by a team led by Professor Giorgio Bendini.

"The girl would have died without the operation," Bendini said.

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Drug-dealing kid, 11, shot dead by mob

Little Rhoth Thomas, 11, was shot to death execution-style — because he tried to hold out on the mob he was running drugs for cops said.

Punky in New Orleans said the boy was a runner for an organization that provided him with $8,000 worth of cocaine to sell.

When he failed to turn in the proceeds, he was shot in the forehead and his body was stuffed in a plastic garbage bag.

"The child tried to tell them he had been robbed of either the coke or the money, but they apparently didn't buy it," Sgt. Dan Cleasure said.

Two men have been arrested in the killing and a woman has been charged as an accessory.

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Scaredy-cat passenger grounds jet

When a wild-eyed airline passenger leaped [redacted] seat and ran down the aisle screaming in a foreign tongue, crew members thought sure the plane was being hijacked.

But by the time they wrestled the freaked out fellow to the floor, they realized he wasn't a terrorist after all — he was just scared to death of flying!

"I've never seen anybody so terrified of anything in my life," said a British Airways stewardess. "He was hysterical, totally out of control. Finally we had to make an emergency landing just to calm the poor chap down."

By JOE BERGER

The flight from London to Paris had just taken off when the unidentified, 26-year-old Italian decided he'd rather have both feet on the ground.

"You could tell the man was nervous even before we were in the air," passenger Peter Roper recalled. "He was very quiet and his eyes were darting around like a jittery little mouse.

"But as soon as we were in the air, he really flipped his top.

"He got this crazed look in his eyes and started running up and down the aisle, shouting and moaning and waving his arms.

"He scared the hell out of everybody because we didn't know what was going on. He was screaming in Italian and some of us spoke Italian, so we were expecting the worst."

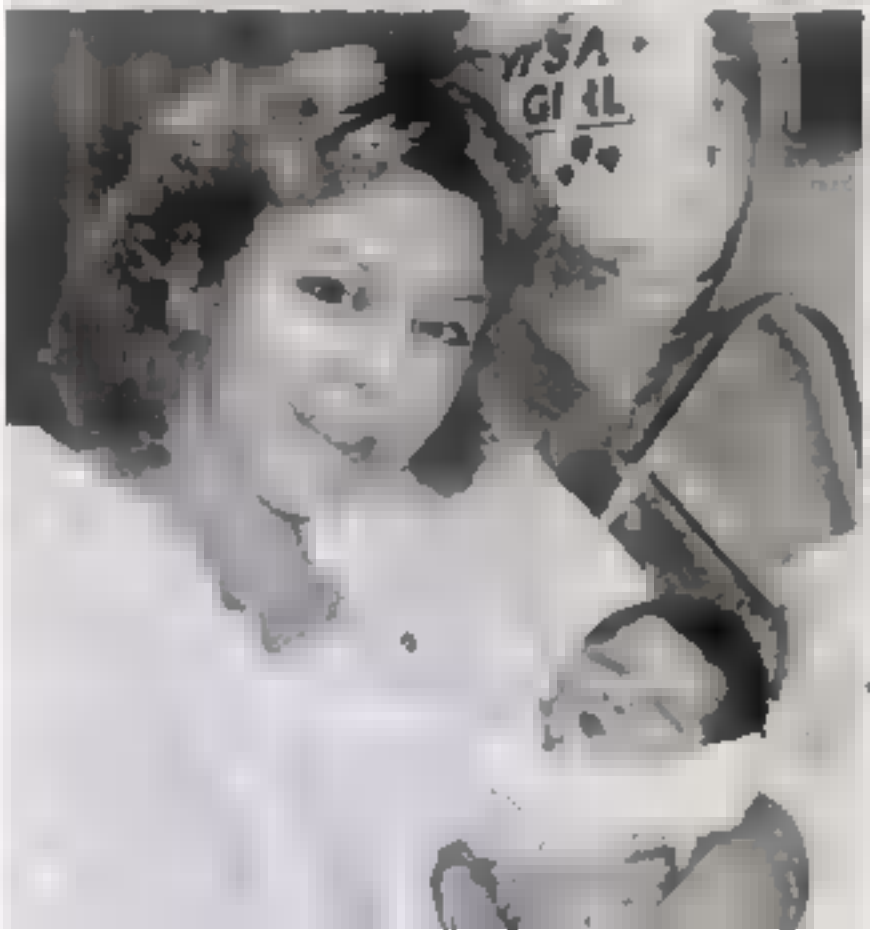
Two members of the cockpit crew heard the commotion and rushed out to subdue the rampaging passenger. "This bird was still screaming and wailing and running all over the plane and now a couple of blokes from the cockpit were chasing him around like Red Riding Hood," Roper said.

"We were all sitting there stunned, not knowing whether to laugh or cry.

"They finally caught him and wrestled him down — and that's when it dawned on them that he was simply terrified of flying."

Flustered stewardesses tried to calm the quaking guy, but he kept raising such a racket the pilot flew the jumbo jet back to London and gave him the boot.

"Next time maybe he should take the bus," Roper said.



Sunbathing beauty's shot by mistake — the gunman thought she [redacted] his wife

By JACK ALEXANDER

A sunbathing secretary got the shock of her life when a stranger walked up and shot her in the chest — mistaking her for his wife.

Realizing his horrendous goof, 34-year-old Ernest Bowman drove away in his pickup truck and blew his brains out less than a mile from the scene.

The injured sleeping secretary, Wanda Ackley, 28, was in her swimsuit lying by a lake in Guntersville, Ala.

"Witnesses said Bowman, 32, pulled up in his pickup, got out and walked over to where the victim was lying on a chaise lounge," said sheriff's Capt. Randy Amos.

"He knelt down beside the victim who was clearly sun-

glasses and pulled out a .45-caliber pistol," said Amos. "One witness heard the woman scream and then heard a shot.

"She begged Bowman not to shoot her again. He told her it was all a mistake and asked to take her to a hospital."

When the victim refused, Bowman jumped in his truck and drove away. "He shot himself in the head while the truck was still moving," said Amos.

The truck plowed into a ditch. Bowman was dead when deputies reached the scene.

The wounded secretary was taken by ambulance to Cary-away Methodist Medical Center and reported in fair condition.

The gunman apparently thought his wife was responsible for a parole violation warrant issued against him, said Amos.

If convicted, he would have gone back to prison to serve

She's a first!

Mother [redacted] Barbie Green holds her new daughter Rachel Laura at a Lincoln, Neb., hospital. Rachel is a very special little girl — the first girl born in the Green family in 75 years. All 13 children have been the family

Hungry thief steals a pizza from delivery man

Terrified Neil Birch was mugged in an alley by a burly thief who stuck a knife to his face — and demanded his pizza.

The pizza deliveryman was pushing a large with everything on it home in Milton Keynes, England, when the hungry beast pounced on him. The crook who took all his loose change.

"I'm amazed that someone should go to all that trouble for a pizza and bit of cash," said Neil, 23, after the incident.

Cops: Parking space triggered shooting!

By PETE COOKE

Cops say a man who vowed "Nobody parks in my space," was arrested after he pulled a gun and fired two rounds into a woman's car as she sat behind the wheel watching in terror!

Authorities in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., charged 49-year-old Neil Smith with aggravated assault and weapons violations.

Lesley Huddleston, 28, said she and her boyfriend, Tom Carew, pulled into the parking space at an apartment building to visit Carew's mother when Smith suddenly appeared.

"He said, 'Nobody parks in my space,'" Miss Huddleston said. "He pointed the gun at my face. It was less than two feet away. Then he pointed it down and shot at my rear tire."

She said Smith fired another shot after the pair and then fired a third shot into the hood of her car. An arrow ran to call police, but neither came out of her apartment and yelled at Smith, who fled in his car. Miss Huddleston said

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Dog kicker gets killed!

An enraged Chesapeake pet owner has been imprisoned for life for stabbing his roommate with scissors after he got irritated his dog!

Authorities in London said Frederick Lawrence murdered Albert Patrick, 46, after the victim hit and bit pet dog.

Prosecutor Richard Hamilton said Lawrence stabbed his pal more than 10 times. Lawrence will spend the rest of his life in the slammer.

"This is unbelievably overreacted after the dog was bitten," Hamilton said.

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Woman spends 49 years in insane asylum because she can't speak English!

Maria Tandi spent 49 years in a mental hospital — because she couldn't speak English!

The Hungarian-born oldster was finally freed at the age of 78 after British hospital workers began closing down the institution where she'd lived and interviewed her using an interpreter.

By Susan Hatfield

She has returned to her family in Hungary, fourth on the right in Woodland Green, England, said.

Nurses and interpreter Ilo[illegible] Lacks went to tears after they gently questioned gray-haired Maria as preparations for moving her to another institution. In halting speech the old lady revealed a nightmare life of imprisonment in the mental ward for most of her adult life.

"But by bit I brought her out of her shell," Mrs. Lacks recalled. "She told me where and when she was born, the names of her six sisters and even their children. Eventually I built up a complete picture of her past."

Appalled at the injustice of Maria's confinement, medical authorities traced the woman's family. The family believed that Maria had died.

Authorities learned that Maria had come to Britain before World War 2 to work as a housekeeper for a Welsh family. Then, when she was 26, her mother died. While she was coping with this tragedy, her employers informed her they were moving abroad. It was too much for Maria, who fell into a deep depression and was sent to the mental hospital for treatment.

In the turmoil of the years, Maria became lost in the hospital system — owned up a prisoner in a crazy ward.

When doctors began preparing to shut down the institution — called Claybury Hospital — they interviewed all the patients. Through Mrs. Lacks, Maria poured out her story. Weeks later, for the first time in years she heard from her family in Hungary.

"When I read Maria the first letter from her family she didn't cry because over the years she has learned to hide her emotions," Mrs. Lacks said.

"But her body was rocked and she was crying inside. It only seemed had told me. I could have done something long ago to help her."

Thick as thieves

Cops say bank tellers Cynthia Langham and Theresa Jenkins, who fit the description of the men who had robbed her of a bank a few months earlier, were arrested as they walked arm-in-arm in New Britain, Conn. Both were charged in the robbery.

On a toot?

A 68-year-old Annapolis, Calif., man wasn't just whistlin' Dixie when he entered the 15th annual National Whistlers Convention contest.

Dotted Hall won it.

The crooner out-tuned 3,000 others, with his versions of "Hagia the Bagpiper" and "Samson and Delilah" in Lounsbury, N.C.

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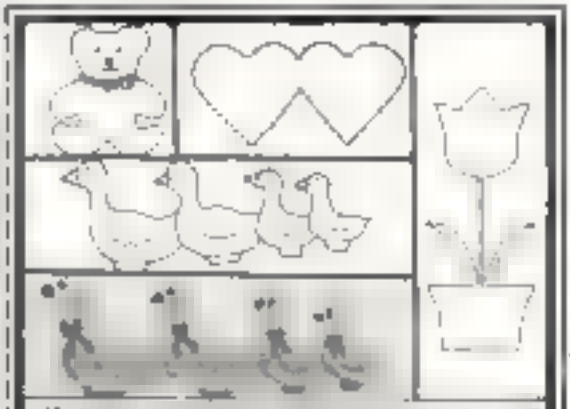

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By Countess Sophia Saheb

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

All signs indicate that your luck is about to improve dramatically and you would be wise to take advantage of the coming good fortune. Don't be afraid to take chances to get ahead now.

Your natural Aries ability to lead could prove to be an important factor during the week ahead when a friend looks to you for guidance in getting out of a sticky situation.

Simmering family disputes could quickly reach the boiling point at this time. Be cautious.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

Be prepared to seize an opportunity that is likely to come your way in the week ahead. Seek out advice from experts if necessary, but don't waste too much time or you'll miss the boat.

Your typical Taurus sense of loyalty could be present in the near future when someone you trust tries to take advantage of your generosity. Strive to view others more objectively.

All signs indicate that this is the time to tackle an important project.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Allow close relationships a good deal of elbow room in the week ahead and keep open the door for some exciting opportunities that appear headed your way.

The versatility and objectivity so characteristic of those born under the sign of the twins should help you make positive changes in your business life.

The days ahead should be a great deal more harmonious if you can put a clip on your tendency to be both restless and moody.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Life should be happier and more creative over the next several days because of your natural Cancerian tendency for compassion and sensitivity.

Devote more energy toward mobilizing your forces a happier and more virtuous place for you to unwind in. You really do need a quiet retreat.

Try to make relationships softer, kinder and more affectionate this week. It may bring a revealing flash of insight that gives birth to true peace of mind.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

Wake up and smell the coffee. Whom your boss tells you to finish that project you've been putting off, he means it. Step to it, or you might regret it.

An older relative wants to give you job advice, but don't follow it. Although well-intentioned, it's off the mark at this time.

Romance will bloom at an unexpected moment. Your boring love life will have a surprising twist. Have an open mind and buy some flowers to help set the mood.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

It is natural for a Virgo to be demanding of others as well as himself. Perhaps a little patience in dealing with people and their problems is best this week.

An extraordinary string of new experiences may be waiting for you this week. Let your hair down a bit. Don't be so stuffy.

Someone much younger than you may offer advice this week that could change your life. Keep your eyes and ears open for unusual opportunities.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

All your hard work could begin to pay off this week, but this is no time to let down.

Keep your nose to the grindstone and don't break any rules — because someone important is watching you. Party time will be here soon enough.

Begin planning for that big trip now or you might never get around to it. You're going to have a ball.

A dream of ambition and gardens could have special significance. Pay close attention.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Watch your tongue this week, Scorpio. Someone in authority could drive you nuts with constant demands and idiotic criticism. Gambling you to give him (or her) a piece of your mind. But holding back might cause more serious problems than you imagine. Keep quiet now. Your turn will come.

An attractive member of the opposite sex secretly has eyes just for you.

A gamble could pay big rewards. Don't be afraid to take a chance.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Major plans this week, Sagittarius, and your stars will smile on them. Anything you set out to do should come out well.

A friend wants to have a heart-to-heart talk with you, but finds no way to ask your help. Be available to those around you and you will hear from this person.

Your tendency to work hard could lead to some health problems. Be sure to watch your diet and get some rest and relaxation. Learn to take it easy.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

A chance encounter could lead to good fortune for you this week, Capricorn, so keep your eyes open.

Your stars indicate a period of achievement and contentment ahead.

The next few days could bring social strains, but you can handle any tensions that arise by communicating your opinions frankly and tactfully. Use your Capricorn skills at diplomacy.

Don't travel this week if you can avoid it.

If your birthday is this week . . .

The year ahead looks super bright as new friends improve your outlook and financial woes vanish. Set out to make memories as you go along. You'll want to savor every detail of the next 12 months for a long time to come.

Blessed with good or improving health, you'll have the energy and stamina to meet any challenge. This will work in your favor later this summer, when social and financial opportunities come your way from every direction.

Strangers play important roles throughout the year. Listen to what

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your entertaining virtues come through this week, Aquarius. Take some time to enjoy the springlike weather. Get out in the sun, go crazy eager tasty fish or get back in the swing of things.

You may encounter some family problems with pesky relatives, but they won't last long. Be patient. Someone you love dearly needs your smart advice. Don't lose him money.

It's time to start making long-

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Take a good look at your life this week and see where you're headed and where you're going. Your priorities may be mixed up. It's time to sort them out and set some goals.

Take a few hours out of the week to relax by reading, watching TV or whatever turns you on. Your body is trying to say that you need rest, but you haven't been listening.

Beware of people who may take advantage of your gentle Pisces nature. But don't try to change your

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Teen didn't know she was pregnant until baby's birth

By ALEX JACKSON

A teenage girl didn't even know she was pregnant until she gave birth to a baby girl in her bedroom.

The 17-year-old Fort Lauderdale, Fla., high school senior wrapped the infant in a plastic bag and threw her in a trash can, according to cops.

Fortunately, [illegible] teen's mother heard cries from the trash bin and discovered the baby.

The teenager's mother said she had no idea her daughter was pregnant.

The baby is in fair condition in a hospital. Her young mother also is hospitalized while she recovers from the birth.

Police are investigating the incident. No charges have been filed.

Now mom's got one less excuse

When Fay Walker's children were young she always answered their demands for expensive toys or clothes with the same reply: "Not until I get my pink Cadillac convertible."

Now the woman from Pittsburgh is 80. And guess what? Her kids, now grown, have pitched in and outfitted her with a classic 1973 raytop Caddy. It's in mint condition. And pink, of course.

Now mom says she has one less excuse.

"I was in total shock," said Mrs. Walker, adding, "The kids gave me a whole list of things they're telling me they've been waiting for me to do for years now that I've got the pink Cadillac.

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Bizarre case of the bewitched bachelor

Love-crazed lug tries murder hubby of the woman he adores

Love-crazed bachelor Robert Freemyer was so obsessed with a pretty [redacted] teller that he tracked down the lady's unsuspecting husband — and tried to murder him with a spear gun!

That was the supposition of a jury in Hackensack, N.J., that convicted the infatuated telephone company employee of attempting to kill Robert Jablonski, 31.

By JOE BERGER

An [illegible] apart from [illegible] Jablonski's absence after [illegible] he was [illegible] of the [illegible] changed a tire on the parking lot of a neighborhood tavern.

"There's no question that if the spear had hit him a little lower, it would have penetrated his skull and probably killed him," said Prosecutor Sharyn Peiffer. "It was a very deadly weapon."

Freemyer, described by jurors as a Bernhard Goetz fanatic, admitted he'd taken a liking to attractive Elizabeth Jablonski during the time she worked at his bank. But he insisted he shot her husband purely by accident.

The prosecutor charged that Freemyer followed Jablonski to the tavern, let the air out of a tire on his car, then walked up and shot him later as the victim was kneeling to change the tire.

The defendant wanted to eliminate Elizabeth's husband from the picture even though Elizabeth had never shown the slightest interest in him, Mrs. Peiffer said.

"He became totally obsessed with her," the prosecutor said.

"He drove by her parents' house every day to see if she looking for her.

"He dropped off strange gifts and cards for her at her parents' house.

"It was something that built up and eventually got completely out of hand."

Freemyer, 31, will be sentenced later. He could get up to 30 years in prison.

ON TRIAL — Robert W. Freemyer, left, consults with his lawyer Vincent Basile in court. Freemyer claims he never meant to shoot Robert Jablonski with a spear gun.

Giant worm is very sick

Wildlife officials are desperately trying to save a 6-foot earthworm that almost died while a camera crew was documenting its length for the Guinness Book of World Records!

The big worm was caught by a bird and injured. He bled, survived, however, and veterinarians at Britain's Canterbury wildlife park think it might even live.

Guy gets $1.5 million after gay nun wrecks his marriage

By PETE COOKE

A man who claims his marriage was destroyed when a gay nun seduced his wife, has been awarded a whopping $1.5 million in his lawsuit against the church.

Sister Woolverton sued the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville, Tex., and former Sister Mary Kreger, contending that an affair between the nun and Steve's wife, Mary Woolverton, broke up his 12-year marriage.

In her suit, Woolverton claimed the church did not safeguard her allowing Sister Kreger to serve as a nun after he told officials about the affair she was having with his wife.

Sister Kreger was director of the choir at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Port Isabel and Mrs. Woolverton played the guitar for the choir.

The Woolvertons, who have three children, separated in May 1984. Sister Kreger left the Franciscan order of nuns three months later.

Apartment building burns because of an ugly couch

Samuel Jefferson Rogers didn't like the looks of his couch so he set it on fire — touching off an apartment building blaze that left 25 people homeless, authorities said.

Arson investigator Larry Fowler said the 26-year-old San Antonio, Tex., man told him he tossed a burning cigarette onto the couch because "he didn't like it."

Damage to the building could be as high as $1.1 million, said authorities.

Two of the burnt out residents were a young couple who had just been married.

Tearful 19-year-old bride Ramona Yarbrough, still in her wedding gown, was getting ready to leave on her honeymoon.

"We lost everything," she sobbed.

Authorities said Rogers had a background of mental problems. He was jailed on arson charges with bail set at $25,000.

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Shocking lawsuit claims . . .

Parents lock girl up for 19 years!

By JACK ALEXANDER

The parents and sister of a young woman are accused in a lawsuit of driving her stark raving mad — by locking her in a room against her will for almost 19 years.

Linda Long, now 38, is an incurable [paranoid] schizophrenic confined to an insane asylum near Athens, Texas, said lawyer Conrad Finnell, who filed the suit.

But her parents — T.D. and Thelma Long — said she was shy and stayed home by all those years because she was nervous around people.

"It was her decision," said Mrs. Long in a story in The NEWS 18 months ago. "She just got so nervous she didn't want anyone to see her. She stayed home herself — I didn't force her."

The suit contends Miss Long was taken out of high school in her junior year while making above-average grades.

It claims she was locked up in a room of her parents' home against her will.

Miss Long became mentally ill because of the alleged imprisonment and is now responsible for her own needed medical care and future treatment, said the suit.

"She has suffered mentally and physically and in the future will suffer more," the suit alleges. "All of her aforesaid injuries, damages and losses are the result of willful false imprisonment by the defendants."

Her parents and sister denied Miss Long has been mentally incompetent since her incarceration . . . as alleged. And, they say, there is no way they could have driven her insane.

Authorities removed the pretty young woman from the home after neighbors heard one of her screaming fits.

"She was in a two-room section of the house and the room was filthy," Assistant District Atty. William Reedy told The NEWS in 1980. "There was obvious neglect. Her teeth were infected. There was no evidence of abuse."

Miss Long is in the Mexia State Mental Health Institute. No charges have been filed against her parents and sister because there was no evidence of abuse.

PARENTS claim their daughter Linda Long was so shy that she chose to stay confined to this home for 19 years.

Child's rapist gets off easy

A man who pleaded guilty to the rape of an 11-year-old girl agreed to videotape his confession to avoid jail and get probation instead!

Deputy District Attorney Bob McGregor, of Birmingham, Ala., said the deal was struck because the ex-*finder to a clean-cut family man, "the type of child molester that is difficult to convict."

The videotaped confession will be shown to parents as a warning that respectable-looking people — not just dirty old men in raincoats — sometimes commit sex crimes against children.

High school name stirs up big flap

Former Texas hero and slave trader James Bowie isn't the kind of guy to name a high school after, NAACP folks protest.

Black and hispanic leaders say a new high school should be named after a hispanic or black.

"The plain and simple truth . . . according to some of the most noted Texas historians . . . is that Jim Bowie smuggled slaves into North America, sold them at vastly inflated prices, owned them, sold fictitious land grants for Texas land, fraudulently sold land owned by his in-laws and committed many other heinous and nefarious acts," argues Austin NAACP prexy Gary Bledsoe.

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Gut-buster! Gold smuggler tries to stash nuggets in his stomach!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Customs agents didn't know a suave smuggler had a gold-plated belly when he stepped off a plane in Bombay, India — until their metal detector went bananas.

Silk merchant Mohammed Sooriya had swallowed 48 gold nuggets before boarding a flight from the Persian Gulf emirate of Dubai to Bombay.

"The beeper was going berserk as we took the man into a security room and checked his luggage," said customs agent P.J.B. Shekhar. "We found nothing." But Sooriya, 38, complained of stomach pains as agents checked his clothes and made a more thorough search of his body.

"Within a few minutes the poor man dropped to the floor in agonizing pain," said Shekhar. "He was quick-witted enough to question, so we X-rayed him at a hospital after getting permission from a magistrate."

The X-ray revealed 48 small objects in his stomach. Sooriya then admitted he had tried to trick authorities by swallowing the gold nuggets before flying to Bombay, where it is illegal for a private citizen to import gold.

He was given laxatives to ease his agony and help in make-out case," said Shekhar.

Finally, after 72 hours, customs agents had all the evidence against Sooriya, who had lost 22 pounds during the ordeal. He was charged with smuggling and released on $1,000 bail.

Rock star

TRAGIC teen Ryan White is a hemophiliac who got AIDS from a transfusion. Rock star Elton John has taken him under his wing.

By SUSAN HAMSON

Tragic AIDS teen Ryan White has a new friend — Elton John, the super rock star.

Generous Elton has virtually adopted the dying American boy, inviting him to concerts, showering him with gifts and phoning and writing him regularly, according to accounts in the British press.

"Elton is so good to him," Ryan's mother Jeanne White told The Sun in London. "I have forgotten some of the presents because there have been so many of them.

"But Ryan has remembered every one — and they're all been gratefully accepted. But mostly he looks forward to his phone calls and letters."

Hemophiliac Ryan made optimistic noises after he contracted AIDS four years ago because he hatred to remain in school in spite of his illness. Yet it's his relationship with Elton that has made him feel special — and prolonged the 16-year-old's life, the boy's doctor says.

"Too optimistic days we have says he shouldn't be here to-

Singer makes brave teen feel special

cian Dr. Martin B. Kleinman. "Certainly the warmth of his friendship with Elton is one thing that makes him into something special.

"It makes him feel that he should not be a quitter."

Ryan first heard from Elton John when he traveled from his home in Cicero, Ind., to New York to watch the rock star perform at an AIDS benefit.

Elton John's greatest role

HE IS A LOVING DAD TO A DYING AIDS BOY

SUPERSTAR Elton John has spared no effort or expense to make dying AIDS boy Ryan White happy.

publicist called the White's saying the star wanted to meet the brave boy.

In a brief conversation with Ryan, Elton invited his young fan to a concert in Los Angeles. After the two met in person, their friendship was sealed.

"He flew up to two different concerts and he and Ryan met backstage after the first," recalled Joanne, who accompanied her son on the trip at Elton's expense. "It was the greatest day of his life. He was introduced to all the band and their wives and kids.

"He and Elton became great friends and Elton asked if Ryan wanted to go to Disneyland with him. Of course, what boy wouldn't want to. It was his dream come true."

Since that meeting months ago, Elton has never forgotten Ryan.

He has given him televisions and radios and a $2,000 electronic keyboard. He has phoned him regularly for heart-to-heart chats. He corresponds with the teen, offering encouragement in his battle against his terminal disease.

"He is one of the greatest guys in the world," Ryan enthused. "It is always the best day of the week when he writes or calls.

"I just love getting his letters."

For his part, Elton insists the relationship with Ryan isn't a one-way friendship.

"I'm very proud of Ryan and what he has achieved," he once told Joanne. "I want to make sure the world never forgets him."

New drug helps smokers quit

Researchers are excited about a new drug that effectively stops smokers' craving for cigarettes but contains no nicotine itself.

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S. B., Laguna Hills, CA

"Over $300,000 in Less Than 1 Year."

"Until I saw your wonderful plan, I was never able to open a checking account. Now I have three and my credit is excellent. Your plan made me feel confident in the ways and now I realize I was never looking it. But I certainly do the success when you've shared with me."

C. L., Chatham Park, N.J.

"Made $30,000 in 3 Months to 27"

"I was able to earn over $30,000 with your plan — in just the past two months. As a 22 year old girl, I never thought that I'd ever be able to make so much money. In fact as I've been able to do. I really do want to thank you with all of my heart."

Ms. D. L., Los Angeles, CA

"From $500 to $800 A Week"

"I was struggling, making just $500 a week and didn't like my job! With your easy plan, I am making $800 a week in 3 months! Thanks so much, John!"

W. Z., Brooklyn, NY

"Made $15,000 in 3 Months"

"For years, I prayed up all the time that promised to make me rich. Probably I am lucky I did — but I am even more lucky that I took the time to read the one secret. It changed my whole life. Thanks so much, I made $15,000 in 3 months."

S. W., Plainfield, IN

"Made Cash in 10 Days That I'll Have in a Year"

"I was 'working' to make a living — and barely getting by. In the first 10 days by using your secret, I received $25,000 ... more cash than I'd seen in a whole year!"

L. M., Hermosa, CA

"Made $250,000 in 8 Months"

"I never believed these wonder stories about believed I would be one of them ... using your techniques, in just 8 months, I made over $200,000 ... made over $250,000 more in the last 12 days! You are well prepared, but simple, easy, fun ... fun, thank you for your dream come true!"

L. M., Los Angeles, CA

"My Dollar Was Doubled"

"Mr. Barker was amazed at my sudden success. Three days ago, I sent your previously out the program and my partner couldn't believe my $30,000 Deposit. John, thank you for sharing your secret with me."

Mrs. M. E., Sterling, VA

"$30,000 From Less Effort"

"By doing exactly what you recommended in your extremely powerful program. I've been able to generate over $30,000 cash, made just a few weeks of less effort. I now realize that no matter what you say or I have ... follow the, follow it, maybe we finally for me!"

W. L., Hawthorne Beach, CA

"$30,000 in Six Months"

"I've received at my account in using your secret I made $30,000 in six months. That's more than twenty times what I've made in any single year before! I've never made so much money in such short time and confidence either. My whole life I was waiting for the amazing miracle! Thank you, John Wright."

D. S., Helena, VA

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- And most of all, you will finally have PEACE OF MIND!

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